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R. Byrne Wins Intercollegiate!

HOT CONTEST MARKS PLAYING IN SECOND COLLEGIATE EVENT

Andrew Acrivos 2nd, Chester Fell 3rd, Sol Gartenhaus 4th over N. Y. Favorites

Yale University's Robert Byrne, budding New York minor master, won the United States Intercollegiate Individual Chess Championship, outdistancing a field of 44 players from 21 colleges at Columbia University, New York, December 26-30. Byrne added insult to injury by taking the rapid transit championship with a perfect 9-0 in the finals.

The main event, sponsored by the United States Chess Federation, produced many thrills and presented several new faces to the ranks of top-flight young players. For the first time in collegiate history, New York schools were unable to get above fifth in the final standings, while two unknowns downed favorites to carry off second and third places.

Runner-up spot went to Andrew Acrivos, native Greek now a student at Syracuse University. The third position was awarded Chester T. Fell, Williams College, while Sol Gartenhaus, University of Pennsylvania player and Pennsylvania State Junior Chess runner-up, took fourth honors, as the two latter men came from far in the rear to place high in the finals.

The top four men were tied with a game score of 5½-1½, but the Sonneborn-Berger tie-breaking method gave 25 points to Byrne, 22 to Acrivos.

Full details in next issue.

SANDRIN TRIES THE BLINDFOLD WAY IN CHESS

Youthful Albert Sandrin of Chicago, Illinois State Champion, is testing out the path toward blindfold mastery of the chessboard now shared by such experts as George Koltanowski and Mendel Najdorf. In a recent tour of Central Illinois, Sandrin performed in two ten board blindfold exhibitions, at Decatur and at Peoria, which received much comment in the local press and even gained an editorial from the more distant Alton Evening Telegram.

At Decatur Sandrin lost one game to R. L. Fletcher and drew with Mrs. Turner Nearing; the score at Peoria is not reported but Paul Adams of Chicago who managed the tour states that Sandrin has only lost two out of the last twenty-four blindfold games.

CP CHESS LEAGUE IN CENTRAL PENN.

Six central Pennsylvania Chess Clubs have organized the CP Chess League to play a double-round, home and home match series, with Russell Miller of Elizabethtown as chairman of the League. The League includes Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, Elizabethtown and the Cumberland Valley group (consisting of Chambersburg, Waynesboro, Shippensburg and Carlisle). The scope of the League covers 80 miles at the widest point so that radio matches may be attempted on the most distant games.

ANDERSON WINS TORONTO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Frank R. Anderson retained his title as Toronto (Can.) Champion by defeating E. T. Jewitt in the last round adjourned game for a final score of 8-1. The youthful champion's only loss was to S. A. Crompton who finished second with a score of 7-2.

Toronto Championship			
F. R. Anderson 8-2	R. F. Rodgers 5½-5½	C. A. Crompton 7-2	S. Gray 5½-5½
R. E. Orlando 5½-5½	K. Hastings 3-6	P. Avery 4-4	T. H. Neathy 1½-7½
E. T. Jewitt 4-5	K. Kerns 4-5		

14 QUALIFY IN PUERTO RICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary sectional tournaments have qualified thirteen players to meet with Puerto Rican Champion Rafael Cintron Ramos in the first Open Championship Tournament to be held in Puerto Rico. Play in the championship event will begin in January with the following list of qualified contestants for the final honors: Defending Champion Rafael Cintron Ramos, USCF Director Hector Vissepo, Miguel Colon, Arturo Colon, Francisco Benitez, Francisco Prieto, all of San Juan; Humberto Ortiz, Luis Rojas, Orlando Pla, L. Berrocal, all of Santurce; Jenaro Maldonado and Charlie Colon of Ponce; Manuel P. Cadilla of Arecibo; and Pedro Negrón of Guayama.

Several of these players are well known in the U. S. chess circles, for Miguel Colon tied for second with A. C. Margolis in the Yankton Tournament in 1946, while Rafael Cintron placed sixth ahead of L. Marquez of Colombia and Averill Powers of Milwaukee. At the Open Tournament at Corpus Christi in 1947 Arturo Colon placed fourteenth ahead of such well-known players as Steinmeyer, Evans, and Dr. Edward Lasker; while Hector Vissepo in the thirty-seven spot outdistanced such players as W. M. Byland and Paul Poschel.

In addition Miguel and Arturo Colon, Rafael Cintron, Francisco Benitez, and Luis Rojas played in the two round radio match with Chicago in 1947 in which the Puerto Rican team scored a victory in the first round and lost the second by a close score against a Chicago team of Albert Sandrin, Paul Poschel, A. C. Margolis, Don Thompson S. Cohen and Earl Davidson.



THE GERMANTOWN YMCA CHESS CLUB BOARD OF STRATEGY GOES INTO ACTION

Left to right: Attilio DiCamillo, Pennsylvania State Champion; Walter Hall, Correspondence Champion; Saul Wachs, Pennsylvania Junior Champion; Walter McHale, former Philadelphia City Champion; and Mary Selensky, Pennsylvania Women's Champion.

PUERTO RICO WINS FROM ST. THOMAS

On December 21, a team from St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands invaded Puerto Rico for an inter-island match with the Puerto Rican Chess Federation at the San Juan Chess Club. A double round match resulted in a victory for the home forces by the score of 7-1.

In the course of the festivities USCF Director Hector Vissepo of Puerto Rico spoke so convincingly of the benefits of USCF membership that Secretary Julius Francis Edwards of the St. Thomas Club immediately forwarded the application for a USCF club charter.

Puerto Rico	St. Thomas
Orlando Pla 2	J. F. Edwards 0
Jesús M. Roel 2	A. Allick 0
Carlos E. Vega 2	A. Abramsen 0
Fernando Rodil 1	Waldemar Hill 1
Puerto Rico 7	St. Thomas 1

B. CZAIKOWSKI GIVES 2000 HOURS TO VETERAN CHESS

Setting an example to be envied and emulated, Bruno Czaikowski, president of the Chicago City Chess League for many years, has compiled a record of 2000 hours spent in playing and teaching chess to wounded veterans. This remarkable feat becomes more remarkable when it is revealed that Czaikowski compiled this record in the brief span of four years and five months.

A summary of the record is instructive:

	Hours
Gardiner General Hospital (Chicago).....	1162
McIntyre Hospital (Great Lakes).....	48
Downey Hospital (Great Lakes).....	235
Vaughan General Hospital (Hines).....	530
Hines Veterans Hospital (Hines).....	8
Veterans Rehabilitation Hospital (Chi.)	22
Total	2000

PLAY BEGINS IN 2nd ROUND IN CCLA "GRAND NATIONAL" 49 Winners Face The Second Round Hurdle In 14th U. S. Correspondence Championship

A total of 49 first round section-winners have begun play in the second round of the United States Correspondence Chess Championship, the 14th Grand National, according to Mr. James W. Jenkins, Newark, New York, Tournament Director of the Correspondence Chess League of America, who annually conduct this USCF-endorsed national championship.

After hurdling more than 250 opponents in the first round, which began in September, 1946, the following will meet in seven sections for the right to advance into the Finals sometime in early 1949.

The bracketed figures after each name indicates the section number and record in the first round.

CALIFORNIA STATE: Joseph Frigon, Kirkland, Wash. (1: 7½-½), R. W. Banner, Orange, Calif. (2: 6½-½, one to go), H. M. Grane, Los Angeles, Calif. (3: 7-1), Alan G. Pearsall, Chula Vista, Calif. (4: 6-1, 1 to go, and 6: 7-1), Burnett B. Wisegarver, S. Pasadena, Calif. (5: 6½-½), Dr. H. O. Ellis, Chico, Calif. (7: 7½-½), Fred A. Keith, South Gate, Calif. (7: 7½-½), Robert D. Hayes, Hawthorne, Calif. (8: 6-0).

WESTERN STATES: Dr. Bela Rozsa, Tulsa, Okla. (1: 7-1), W. F. Please turn to Page 3, col. 5

NOTICE

I am happy to announce to the readers of CHESS LIFE that arrangements have been made to retain the services of Montgomery Major as editor.

Mr. Major has made an outstanding record in establishing a Federation Official Publication, and it is a matter of gratification that he will continue the work which he has so well begun.

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
President, United States Chess Federation.

USCF APPOINTS AREA COMMITTEES FOR U. S. PRELIMS.

Following the provisions of the Wayne Committee report, USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., has announced the appointment of the following Area Committees to arrange details of the seven preliminary tournaments to qualify entrants into the 1948 U. S. Championship Tournament. Details of each tournament will be announced in CHESS LIFE as soon as available, but interested players are advised to contact their own Area Committee as soon as possible.

As reported in CHESS LIFE on December 5, sixteen players will be qualified from these seven areas preliminary tournaments to compete in the final U. S. Championship Tournament in which only Defending Champion S. Reshevsky, Reuben Fine, and the winners of the last two U. S. Open Tournaments will be seeded without preliminary qualification.

Area 1

For Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont:

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(To Be Announced Later)

Area 2

For Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania:

Area 3

For Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin:

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Area 4

For Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico:

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Area 5

For Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas:

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For Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming:

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Area 7

For New York:
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CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARIES

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

(Monthly Letter No. 49)

President, United States Chess Federation

Although the President's Monthly Letter is quite properly a report regularly submitted to all members of the USCF, I hope that the membership at large will not take it amiss if this letter is addressed especially to those who will either play in the qualifying tournaments for the United States Chess Championship or take part in the conducting of such tournaments.

Areas Committees composed of able and experienced men have now been appointed in each of the seven Areas. Their names and addresses are listed elsewhere in this issue of CHESS LIFE. If you wish to play in the qualifying tourney for your Area, please get in touch with any member of your Area Committee.

Round robin play is usually to be desired and the Area Committees will endeavor to use that method in the tourneys wherever it is possible to do so, but in those instances where the number of entries makes it necessary, the Swiss System will be employed in some form. In many cases, the Area Committees will not be able to make a determination of this point until shortly before the start of play when the number of entries will be fixed. In order to insure the most effective preparation for a good tourney in your Area, send in your entry at the earliest possible moment. In this you will be doing yourself a service as well as cooperating with your Area Committee, as their plans for your benefit can best be made if they can estimate with reasonable accuracy the number of players for whom provision must be made.

Attention is called to that provision of the Wayne Report (and which was approved by the directors of the USFC) which says that the Area tourneys must be solely for the purpose of qualifying for the finals of the United States Chess Championship tournament. It is also important to keep in mind that the qualification tourneys must be completed at least three months before the start of play in the finals. In effect, this means by the end of March as the finals may be scheduled any time after June 30.

Dates of play in each Area will be printed in CHESS LIFE (See For the Tournament Minded) as rapidly as they are announced by the Area Committees. Players desiring to enter, however, should not wait for these to make their way into print, but should get in touch with their Area Committees as soon as possible.

The next Championship Tournament can be the greatest. It will be if players, committees, USCF officers and directors all unite their efforts to that desirable end.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

TARRASCH'S BEST GAMES OF CHESS by Fred Reinfeld; McKay (\$5.00)

It has finally been published. "It," of course, is a collection of the games of Dr. Seigbert Tarrasch, a masterful player who might easily have been world's champion (for a steamboat ticket), but lived to history as a fine teacher and author of one of Caissa's fine texts, "The Game of Chess."

There are 183 games in the well-printed, linen bound volume, which makes it all the more difficult to select the "best" or "most outstanding." All, fortunately, are annotated much as Tarrasch himself would have done it. That is, the notes use the basic "four" of the good doctor: mobility is all-important, confers the initiative, creates its own pawns; and planning must be mastered.

As the skilled Reinfeld points out, the ideas are the same, but Tarrasch's games present them over and over again in new ways so that the student cannot miss their full meaning, while the player (who reads books just for the fun of seeing good chess) finds the games truly delightful.

The short introductions to each game provide not only a fine clue to the forces at play, but do contain a great deal of little-known chess history, especially about the opponents. As these opponents represent the finest chess players in the world, the book is a good one for the follower of chess facts and happenings.



John D. French

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Some Generalities About Problems

THE problem field is a large one and yet, generally speaking, the problems belong to one or the other of two groups: 1) Orthodox; 2) Unorthodox.

Orthodox problems are those depicting positions such as can occur in the actual playing of a game of chess, using legitimate pieces or men on a regulation board of 64 squares and illustrating the mating of a King (usually the black one) in a stipulated number of moves against any and all choices of moves that may be resorted to for defense purposes. These defense moves bring about different mates and are referred to as variations.

Orthodox problems, which are the so-called direct mate problems, may have solutions ranging from one to several hundred moves.

However, in order to be sound they must have but one opening move paving the way or laying the foundation for the remainder of the solution. The opening move is called the Key or the Key-move. After the key is made and successive play reveals two direct lines leading to mate, such multiple continuations are classed as duals. Composers and solvers alike detest duals as they are blemishes spoiling what otherwise might be considered an excellent problem.

Orthodox problems as a rule aim to illustrate some task, theme, or idea which the composer had in mind when creating the composition. A problem to be regarded as good must possess soundness and should have a good key, one both thematic and hidden.

Checking and capture keys are not countenanced unless the idea is such as cannot be illustrated with a better key. Castling for a key also is not desirable in orthodox direct mate creations since the possibility of castling depends on proof that the K and R accomplishing castling have not been previously moved. This proof belongs to the unorthodox group of problems and is known as Retrograde Analysis and often utilized in the building of retractor problems, also regarded as unorthodox.

Composers of orthodox problems, besides illustrating some task, theme, or idea, often conceive fantastic, grotesque and symmetrical arrangement of pieces, revealing formation of letters, objects, animals, etc., such as letters O-M-P-L, etc., or objects like an anchor, heart, chain, cross, etc., or animals such as an alligator, snake, horse, etc. Such productions, if direct mates, belong to orthodox composing.

Problem No. 9

By C. A. Gilberg

(Deceased)

Black: 5 men



White: 7 men

4e3, 8, QSS1P, 2Bk1K1, 4q3, 8, B7, 41S.
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 10

By Murray Marble

(Deceased)

Black: 10 men



White: 7 men

Q7, 6S1, Kp1B1, 3pp1d, 3klr2, p1R4R, 4e2, Bq4.
White mates in two moves

Solutions:

The keymove of Problem No. 9 is: 1) Q-K11. A waiting key, granting the Black K a flight square. Variations are: 1., QKt any; 2. Q-QR1. If 1., K-Kt any; 2. Q-KKt17. If 1., K-B3; 2. Q-Q1. Has a well concealed key according to opinion of many solvers.

The keymove of Problem No. 10 is: 1) Q-B5 with double threat of 2. Qx either R mate. Variations are: 1., QKtQ; 2. R-Q3. If 1., KRxQ; 2. R-B4. If 1., K or QR checks; QxR, etc. Would be considered an ordinary problem in these days, but in Lloyd's time was considered a good composing effort.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 5 and No. 6 are acknowledged received from Prof. H. K. Justice, N. Gabor, H. Groendyke, Dr. H. H. Slutz, Edw. Weiss, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; Peter J. Seitz (Akron, Ohio); Roland Parisieu (Woonsocket, R. I.); F. A. Holloway (Grand Rapids, Mich.); Harry Conover (Elberon, N. J.); and Peter Korf (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

Solutions to problems No. 3 and No. 4 received too late to acknowledge in last issue came from Roland Parisieu, F. A. Holloway, Peter Korf, and W. O. Winston (Geiger, Ala.). Correct solution for problem No. 3 came from D. C. McDonald (Grand Forks, N. D.).

For A Chess Scrapbook

Benjamin Franklin Advises The Kibitzer

IF YOU are a spectator while others play, observe the most perfect silence. For if you give advice, you offend both parties—him against whom you give it, may cause the loss of his game, him in whose favor you give it, because, though it be good and he follows it, he loses the pleasure he might have had, if you had permitted him to think until it had occurred to himself. Even after a move or moves, you must not, by replacing the pieces, show how it might have been played better; for that displeases, and may occasion disputes and doubts about their true situation. All talking to the players lessens or diverts their attention, and is therefore displeasing. Nor should you give the least hint to either party, by any kind of noise or motion. If you do, you are unworthy to be a spectator. If you have a mind to exercise or show your judgment, do it in playing your own game when you have an opportunity, not in criticising, or meddling with, or counselling the play of others.

—Benjamin Franklin

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

HERBERT SEIDMAN was just another high school team captain when I first met him in 1936. It wasn't until he had smashed me in competition, and in several skittles games, that I joined the many whose aim in life was to win a tournament game from "that guy Seidman." When he joined the old Kings Chess Club, several of us followed suit. Herb won the club championship with ease, and, when the club collapsed because of low dues and high rent, we followed him into the Marshall Chess Club. Seidman was a prizewinner from the first, while the rest of us slowly climbed to the championship class. In four years of intercollegiate play, he lost only two games! At the Marshall Chess Club, he was able to win the championship twice against strong competition. In addition, he finished nicely in two U. S. championships.

Then, Seidman, like several others, lost two games to the Russians. Although he came back nicely to take second prize in the 1946 Open, Adams and Ulvestad received precedence over him in the second Russian match. Disheartened, he played poorly in the preliminaries of the 1946 Nationals, and then retired from active play for a year.

Today, the good news is that Seidman is back, and this columnist predicts that he will again annex the Marshall title, Larry Evans notwithstanding. For Herbert Seidman has that something which makes a great chessmaster—he can play as well as his supporters expect him to!



Dr. P. G. Keeney

For The Tournament-Minded

February 21-24

Area 3 U. S. Preliminaries

Chicago, Illinois

Will be played at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Write Earl W. Davidson, 44 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. for details.

February 21-28

Area 4 U. S. Preliminaries

Johnson City, Tennessee

Will be played at John Sevier Hotel in Johnson City, Tenn. Write Martin Southern, 201 Realty Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn. for details.

Club Chapters

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DOCTOR FINDS NEW DISEASE

To Dr. Julius S. Weingart of Des Moines, Ia. goes the credit for scientifically defining the dread symptoms of a new disease, called Xylotism, derived from the Greek "xylon" wood, and "othismos" pushing. The discovery published in the "News" of the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club, is reprinted in The American Chess Bulletin.

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SICILIAN DEFENSE

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Jockey
Club of Buenos Aires

Radio Match, 1947

Notes by Bela Rozsa

White: A. S. DENKER (Manhattan)
Black: J. BOLBOCHAN (Buenos Aires)

1. P-K4 P-Q4 4. Kt-P3 Kt-B3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. Kt-QB3 P-K3
3. P-Q4 P-P

Black is heading for a P-Q4 variation instead of the usual P-Q3.

6. Kt-Kt5
The idea is that Black can't play P-QR3. A game between Kashdan-Vidmar, 1931 went like this: 6. Q-R3; 7. Kt-Q6 ch. BxKt; 8. QxR, Q-K2; 9. B-KB1, Kt-KR4; 10. QxQ ch. KxQ; 11. B-K3, P-Kt4; 12. O-O-O with a better game for White.

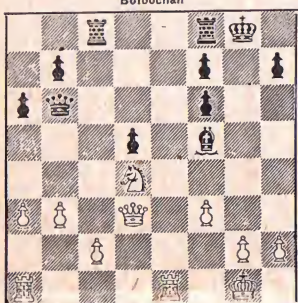
7. P-QR3 B-Kt5 8. Kt-K5 P-Q4
Here MCO gives B-Q3 as a better move, while the text move leads to a better developed game for Black.

9. P-P 10. B-Q3 O-O
More prudent would be P-KR3, as White's QB pin might prove difficult to counteract.
11. O-O B-Kt5 12. B-KKt5 Kt-K4
12. P-B3 B-K3 13. R-K1
White decides to exchange the KB for the Kt in preference of development. Besides the Q would be well placed at Q3.

14. Kt-K5
This does not seem wise. Perhaps Kt-Kt5 would have had a liberating effect on Black's Q controlled by P-KR3.

15. QxKt R-B1 17. Kt-Q4 Q-K3
16. Kt-Kt5 P-QR3
Black decides to liberate his Q at the expense of doubled P's.

18. BxKt P-B3 19. P-QKt3 B-B4
After 19. B-B4
Bolbochan



Denker
Black is trying to lure the White Q away from the Q-side P's. But is it good? Does not White have a winning line with 20. QxR, QxKt ch; 21. K-R1 followed by QR-Q1 and keeping an eye on the open Kt-Kt file? The play would have complicated the situation for both sides but it looks promising.

20. Q-K3 B-Kt5
Now Black sealed up his open file.

21. P-B3?
This looks weak as this P will have to be supported later anyway. R-K2 looks more logical.

21. Q-B4 22. QR-B1 KR-Kt7
Black should have played QxRP. Apparently he thought he had time, overlooking the consequent play.

23. QxR ch. R-Q 25. P-QR4 Q-R5
24. R-R ch. K-Kt2 26. R-Q1
Not good! R(R1)-K1 looks better and would have stopped Black's following play.

26. P-QKt4 27. PxP
Obviously White cannot play Kt-P and lose a piece.

28. R-Kt5
Chess Review points out here that R-Q5 would have stopped Black's following play. Not so! As Black could play Q-R4, winning the RP.

28. B-B7 29. R-K1
There we are! White cannot take the B on account of Q-R2 ch.

29. BxP 30. K-R1
White feels that he cannot take the P with safety.

30. B-B7
Black could have played B-B5. Apparently he thought that Kt-B5 might lead to some mating threats.

31. Kt-B5 QxP 32. R-P P-Q5
Draw

Queen's Gambit Declined
St. Louis vs. Colombia
Missouri Team Match, 1947

Notes by Richard Harrell
F. S. ANDERSON (St. Louis)
G. METZ (Colombia)

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-QB3
2. P-QB4 P-K3
Experience teaches us that this blocking of the QBP gives White too much leeway or quick pressure on the center and Q-side.

Normal is 3. Kt-Kt3.
4. Kt-B3 Kt-Kt3 6. P-K3 P-KR3
5. B-Kt5 B-K2 7. BxKt
Although against principle (i.e. B for Kt, no exchange when the opponent is cramped), it seems to work out all right. I would have preferred the more conservative 7. B-K4, for no palpable reason, however, Black's best reply then seems 7. Kt-K5.

7. BxR 8. Q-Kt3 Kt-K2
We told you so! Black's Kt and KB are in an awkward fix, and his whole Q-side under restraint.

9. O-O-O.
This looks risky, but Black completely ruins any chance he might have had against the White K. Safer seems 9. R-J1, B-Q3, and O-O.

9. P-QKt3
This and his next move completely ruin Black. Beyond a shadow of a doubt 9. P-QB3 was correct here.

10. Kt-K5! BxKt?
And here, the best chance was B-Kt2 and R-QB1. The text opens the Q-file and increases the memorable pressure on the Black center, while the White K5? ex-

Tournament Life

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QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

U. S. Open Championship

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White: G. KRAMER
Black: A. SANTASIERE

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. P-K3 P-QKt3
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. B-Q3 B-Kt2
3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 6. P-B3 P-B4

In practically all closed positions where White has moved P-B3 in the opening this move is important.

7. Kt-K2
More energetic would be 7. P-QR3, ch; 8. P-Kt2 with a strong center of 7. P-QR3, P-Kt2; 9. P-P and White has in his two Bs and his open R-file enough compensation for the double P.

8. P-P O-O 13. QR-Q1 Kt-QKt5
9. O-O P-Q4 14. Kt-Q3 Kt-Q4
10. B-Kt5 P-P 15. Kt-Kt3 R-B2
11. BxP B-Kt5 17. Kt-Kt1 ch.

12. Q-B2 Kt-B3
Black wasn't threatening anything, so there was no need to exchange. 17. P-QR3 was good enough.

17. BxKt 19. P-QR3 KR-B1
18. BxR QxR
Due to the exchanges Black has obtained the initiative and is pressing against the isolated QP.

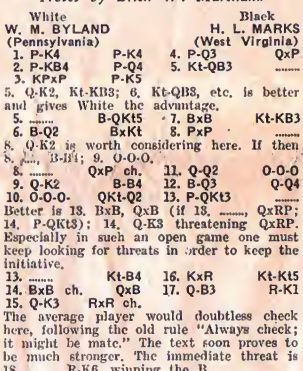
20. BxKt BxR 31. K-K3 R-K5 ch.
21. Q-K3 R-B7 32. K-B2 R-KR8
22. R-Q2 Q-Kt3 33. P-R3 K-B3
23. R-R ch. QxR 34. K-K3 B-Kt6
24. Q-K4 K-B1 35. R-Q3 P-QR4
25. R-K1 QxQ 36. Kt-K2 P-R5
26. R-Q R-B8 ch. 37. R-B3 ch. K-Q3
27. K-B2 B-K5 38. R-B1 RxR
28. R-Q2 K-K2 39. Kt-R Kt-B5
29. Kt-K2 R-QR8 40. Q-K3 B-Kt4

White threatened Kt-K5.
41. P-R4 K-Q4 43. Kt-B1
42. P-KKt4 K-B5
If instead 43. Kt-K5 ch. K-Kt6, Black will win with great ease.

43. B-B3 47. Kt-Kt4 B-Kt2
44. P-R5 P-R3 48. Kt-Q3 B-R3
45. P-B4 P-B3 49. P-B5!
46. Kt-Q3 K-Kt6
As Black has entered the Q-side and will gain material there, White attacks on the K-side and tries to establish a passed P in the center.

49. B-B5 56. Kt-Q3 B-Q2
50. K-Q2 PxP 57. Kt-Kt4 BxP
51. PxP B-B2 58. Kt-B2 ch. K-R7
52. Kt-B4 KxP 59. Kt-Kt4 B-Q2
53. P-Q5 KxP 60. Kt-Q4 K-K7
54. P-Q6 B-K1 61. Kt-P
55. K-B3 P-QKt4

After 61. Kt-P
Santasieri



61. P-B4! 63. K-K4 P-B6
62. KxP P-B5 64. Kt-K4 K-B7!
Of course not 61. P-B7? because of 63. Kt-Q1 ch. and R-Kt7.

65. Kt-K4 K-Q8 69. Kt-Q KxKt
66. K-B5 K-K8 70. Kt-B7 B-Kt5
67. Kt-K6 P-B7 Resigns.
68. Kt-Kt3 P-B8(Q)

There could follow: 71. P-Q7, BxP; 72. K-R, K-R7; 73. Kt-K7, K-Kt6; 74. K-B7, K-Rt5; 75. KxP, KxP and win. A highly instructive and magnificently played ending.

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First Prize, two mover by F. J. C. DeBlasio:—1. B-B7.
Second Prize, two mover by V. Eaton:—1. Q-R5.

First Prize, three mover by J. Scheel:—1. Q-Kt7, waiting, 1. B-Kt8 or B-Q6; 2. Kt-B3 ch, K-B4; 3. Kt-Kt1. P-Q8; 2. Kt-B6 ch, K-B4 3. Kt-Q7. 1. B-Kt6; 2. Kt-B5 ch, KxKt; 3. Q-Kt1. 1. BxKt; 2. BxP ch, K-B4; 3. Q-Kt1.

Second Prize, three mover by A. Piatetsi:—1. Q-R2, threat 2. QxP mate. 1. P-K4; 2. P-KtB(Q). threat. 3. Q-QP. 2. B-B5; 3. P-Kt4. 1. B-Kt1; 2. Kt-KB6, threat of 3. Kt-P(Q7). 2. B-Kt4; 3. B-Kt6.

Byland
The threat now is 20. Kt-K6 ch and 21. BxP ch with a winning attack.
20. B-Q2 Kt-R 21. Kt-R3 Kt-P
The Q has only one square. After 22. Q-Q3, QxQ or 22. QxKt the game is over.

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QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Correspondence Chess

C. C. L. A. Quarterly

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: R. V. BROOKS
Black: H. LAVERS

1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 P-QKt3
2. P-QB4 P-K3
3. B-Kt5 is better since it prevents P-K4.

4. P-K4 B-Kt2 5. P-K5
5. P-B3 with a somewhat slower development would retain a minimal advantage for White.

6. Kt-K5 8. P-QR3 P-Q3
7. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
Not best since the center P's become too weak. Tempting is 9. PxP, BxP; 10. P-Q5, PxP; 11. P-P, BxP; 12. QxR7, R-Kt5 ch. But simply 10. B-K3 would be adequate.

9. B-Kt3 12. B-Q3 P-QP
10. P-KB4 P-P 13. BxR R-PxP
11. P-Q5 Kt-Q5 14. KxP P-P
Black has two P's at the expense of some material.

15. O-O R-KR4
Best is 15. B-B4. If then 16. Kt-P, Black mates in two.
16. Q-QR4 ch

17. Q-R6 P-QKt4 24. Q-KB3 Kt-K6
18. R-K1 BxKt 25. Q-R5 ch. R-Q6
19. BxR QxR 26. Q-B6 ch. K-K2
20. Q-Kt7 R-Q1 28. R-K1 Kt-KKt5
21. QxQBP Q-K2 29. R-P ch. KxR
22. Q-R5 B-QKt3 30. P-K6 ch. K-K2
23. Q-QB3 Kt-KB4 31. QxKtP

After 31. QxKtP
Lavers



Brooks
38. Kt-K5 P-R5 41. PxR P-R7
40. R-R6 RxKt 42. P-B4 ch. K-R4
Resigns.

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Sullivan, Rozsa, Sheets Win Titles

R. BYRNE ADDS TO LAURELS IN WINNING INTERCOLLEGIATE Large Entry In Tournament Proves Interest In Collegiate Events

As reported in the January 5 issue of CHESS LIFE the victory of Robert Byrne of Yale in the largest and strongest Intercollegiate Individual Tournament to date emphasizes both his own claim to recognition as a player to be reckoned with and the very evident growing interest of collegians in chess.

It was significant of the rapid development of latent chess talent in the collegiate age that two comparatively unknown players placed second and third above others already recognized for their feats in chess. Andrew Acrivos of Syracuse University made the event international by coming from Greece to place second, while Chester T. Fell of Williams College scored third, coming from behind to gain recognition.

The top four men were tied with a game score of 5½-1½, but the Sonneborn-Berger tie-breaking method gave 25 points to Byrne (who defeated Acrivos); 22 points to the colorful Greek; 20½ points to Fell (who drew Byrne in the last round); and 17½ points to Sol Gartenhaus of the University of Pennsylvania, who never got a crack at any of the leaders.

For coming out first best in the seven grueling rounds, Byrne won two-year possession of the H. Arthur Nabel trophy, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Nabel in memory of their son, a college player who died during the Spring semester last year. Byrne also takes over two-year possession of the Levinne trophy, which was taken in the first individual championships by Kiven Plesset, City College of New York, who finished a weak twenty-first this year! E. T. McCormick, USCF director from East Orange, N. J., contributed a large, new model chess clock which went to the winner as a permanent trophy.

Other prizes included books bought by the Collegiate Committee and Harold M. Phillips, perennial sponsor of collegiate chess prizes, offered two prizes of \$5 book credits for the best played and brilliance games, of which he will announce the winner after a 30-day study.

The first round thrill was the defeat of the defending champion Plesset by Acrivos, who topped the CCNYer in 35 moves on the black side of a Caro-Kann defense. The 19-year old American College at Athens student, who has been in America five months, picked up Plesset's rook by castling queen-side to give the New Yorker a check just after Plesset had used the wandering castle to pick up what looked like a free queen's knight pawn.

By the fourth round, Acrivos had faltered, however, drawing 15 placer Don Hurst, New York University leader, to go into a three-way tie for first with Franklin S. Howard, Newark College of Engineering, and Stanley Weinstein, also an NYUer. All had 3½-1½ scores. Byrne had given up two draws by this time.

Howard topped Weinstein as Stanley dropped a rook in time pressure in the fifth round, and Byrne defeated Acrivos from the black end of a King's Indian after the Greek tried a combination that would work on the average player but not on the crafty Byrne. This

put the Newark man in clear first place, but his days were numbered as the dark horses moved up quietly.

Fell topped Joe Faucher, Princeton, by seeing the winning move in an otherwise lost position as both men scrambled to get in their 50 moves in the allotted 2½ hours; Gartenhaus won a so-so game from Walter May, Union, to push himself into an upper bracket position.

In the sixth round Fell surprised everyone again by topping the too-ambitious Howard in a perfect combination with the white pieces; while Byrne beat out Don Hurst in another best played game entry. Thus each man entered the final round leading the field with 5-1 scores. In the same round Acrivos dropped Weinstein; and Gartenhaus, showing his lack of opening knowledge but amazing tactical ability, cut down Morton R. Seigel, Buffalo University chesser.

In the final round, Byrne met Fell, got him in trouble, but then found himself in hot water and so the contest was called a draw. Gartenhaus surprised everyone by killing off Harry Yanofsky, Yeshiva College brother of Canadian Dan Yanofsky; and Acrivos dealt roughly with Howard to have the event end in a four-way tie.

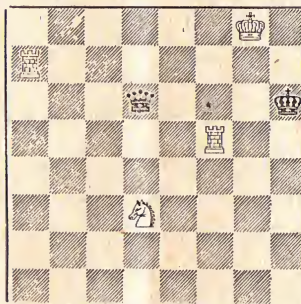
Byrne used a Sicilian Defense against Fell in that final game which went 51 moves; Acrivos stopped Howard in 52 moves while Gartenhaus did away with Yanofsky in only 32 shifting.

Herbert Seidman, Marshall Chess Club champion and member of the first US-USSR radio team, ended the event by playing 20 of the leaders in a simultaneous exhibition, allowing only six draws (Howard, Plesset, Rhys Hays, Union; Jacques Singer, NYU; Richard Einhorn, CCNY; and J. Traub, high school player who aided the tournament committee); and no losses.

The event was operated by John D. French, Harrisburg USCF director, as tournament director; Rhys Hays, tournament committee chairman; and Milton Finkelstein, USCF College Chess chairman, who secured the prizes, trophies, and arranged for the playing rooms at Columbia University, having been tournament director of most of the previous college events.

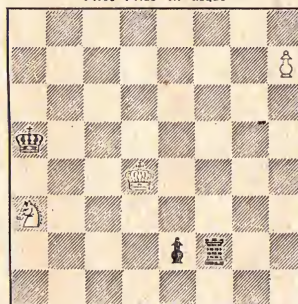
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Position No. 1
By Henri Rinck
La Nation Belge Feb. 10, 1940



6K1, R4, 3g3k, 5f2, 8, 8K4, 8, 8.
White to play and win

Position No. 2
By Henri Rinck
S. E. P. A. Aug. 1943
First Prize ex aequo



8, 7P, 8, k7, 3K4, 87, 4p2, 8.
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

From the compositions of Henri Rinck, these two positions emphasize the oft-quoted fact that nothing is easier to win than a won endgame, if you know how! Position No. 1 illustrates the relative impotence of the Q against a pair of well-handled Rs; Position No. 2 emphasizes the futility of being one move behind on a Q.

Solutions will be published in February 20th issue.

ROZSA RETAINS OKLAHOMA TITLE; GARVER SECOND

In the second annual Oklahoma Chess Ass'n Tournament on December 27-28, held under the auspices of the Tulsa Chess Club at Tulsa, Okla., Dr. Bela Rozsa successfully defended his title with a perfect score of 5-0 in a five round Swiss tourney.

In the field of thirty-four entrants, Robert Garver of Tulsa was second with 4½-1, and Albert Roddy third with 4-1. Miller with a score of 4-1 also was placed fourth on a tie-breaking system.

Two handsome trophies were awarded and prizes distributed to the eleven leading players in the meet. A feature of the tournament was the play of T. Boote who placed fifth with a score of 3½-1½ after playing chess for less than one year.

Oklahoma State Championship	
Rozsa	5-0
Garver	4½-1
Roddy	4-1
Miller	4-1
Moote	3½-1½
Mayfield	3½-1½
De La Torre	3½-1½
Gill	3½-1½
Connor	3½-1½
Higginbotham	3-2
Neal	3-2

At the annual business meeting of the Oklahoma Chess Ass'n, E. N. Anderson (Owasso) was elected president; A. H. Gill (Oklahoma City) vice-president; and Dr. K. Svendsen (Norman) secretary-treasurer. Plans were laid to form an intercity chess league with teams from Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Norman, Bartlesville, Stillwater and Cordell with an ultimate aim of creating an annual tri-state meeting of champion teams of Oklahoma, North Texas and South Kansas.

SAVE THESE DATES!

July 5—July 17

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SULLIVAN TAKES TENN. VALLEY OPEN TOURNEY

In a tournament of twenty players from as far afield as south Georgia and West Virginia, young J. G. Sullivan, Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn. on the day before his 17th birthday celebrated the occasion by taking top honors in the Tennessee Valley Open Tournament at the Red Room of the Hotel Patton in Chattanooga, Tenn. on December 27-28.

With a perfect score of 5-0 the Southern Ass'n Junior Champion outdistanced all opposition in the five round Swiss tournament, which was faultlessly directed by John Hay of Knoxville. Despite his youth, Sullivan is veteran in southern chess, placing in the upper brackets of the 1946 and 1947 Southern Ass'n tournaments, the Oak Ridge Open, and the Georgia State Open where he placed second behind Martin Southern. Jerry also did well in the 1947 U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi.

Tied for second place were Ed Manderson of Marietta, Ga. and J. Albert Sweets of Chattanooga with scores of 4-1. Sweets had the distinction of losing no games, but was forced to forfeit one because of a business engagement. Tom Carothers, Jr., also of Chattanooga, finished fourth with 3½-1½. Tied for fifth with scores of 3-2 were H. L. Marks of Huntington, W. Va., George Somers of Oak Ridge, Tenn., James B. Mullinix of Chattanooga, Mary Hofferbert and Martin Southern of Knoxville.

Tenth place went to Arthur G. Brading, president of the Lookout Chess Club, and in twelfth place was the youngest contestant, 13-year old Henry Gordon of Oak Ridge, who finished ahead of his father and is already a veteran of seven years chess playing.

It is reported that Jerry Sullivan, a recent graduate from the Catholic High School and freshman at the University of Tennessee, plans to enter the U. S. Area Four Qualifying Tournament at Johnson City, Tennessee on February 20th, to make things more difficult for his seniors. Other possible contenders are Albert Sweets, one of four chess playing brothers, whose brother Wilfred is now playing a match with Gruenfeld in Vienna; and Martin Southern, the energetic president of the Southern Chess Ass'n, whose victory over H. Landis Marks was one of the highlights of the Tennessee Open meeting.

RUSSIAN CHESS TAKES A REST

Radio Moscow reports that the Russian Chess Masters Mikhail Botvinnik, Paul Keres and Vassil Smyslov have entered a Russian rest home to plan their strategy and devise new tactics for the forthcoming World Championship Tournament.

The meeting of six World Masters to contest for the vacant World Chess Title is scheduled to begin in Amsterdam in February.

By a close margin, which called for three play-off games, J. Leonard Sheets again won the Washington State Championship, a title he has often held before, with the Seattle City Champion Charles Joachim holding him to a tie in the regular rounds of play. In the playoff Sheets won two and lost one game to Joachim to annex a clear title.

In the double round tourney for the championship of Kitsap County in Washington, victory went to Jack Nourse of Bainbridge Island with a score of 6½-1½. Second place went to Danskins with 4½-3½. Nourse, long active in Washington chess, was founder of the Puget Sound Chess League, and his work as editor of the Puget Sound Chess News is credited with being instrumental in vitalizing chess in the Pacific Northwest.

In the Puget Sound Chess League at the end of three rounds Seattle leads the field with 3-0, Tacoma is second with 2-0, and Kitsap third with 2-1. There are nine teams in the League.

R. BYRNE WINS INTERCOLLEGIATE SPEED TOURNEY

Not content with victory in the Intercollegiate Tournament, Robert Byrne of Yale annexed the Speed King title in the Intercollegiate Lightning Tournament by sweeping the finals with a perfect score of 9-0. Second place went to Julian Leavitt of Harvard who lost to Byrne and drew with Rhys Hays for a score of 7½-1½. J. Shelinsky of N. Y. U. finished third with 6-3, losing to Byrne, Leavitt and Owens of Yale; and Rhys Hays, secretary of the Intercollegiate League, of Union finished fourth with 5-4, losing to Byrne, Shelinsky and Larsen of Yale, and drawing with Leavitt and J. Singer of N.Y.U.

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A BOW TO BENJAMIN

THAT sage of Revolutionary Days, Benjamin Franklin, who has left as a part of his undying heritage so many solemn and forceful precepts on the playing of chess, found in his busy life the leisure to reflect upon man's vicissitudes. Without apology, we therefore borrow from his wisdom and meditate upon the fact that "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes."

It was not the expectation of this writer that he would have occasion to address the audience of CHESS LIFE readers again. But Franklin's wisdom proves sounder than his own; nor can the writer confess to much dislike of the chain of circumstance which has proven him a false prophet. It is only to be hoped that his pleasure in remaining with CHESS LIFE is one that he can share with each reader.

But like the traveller who sat at a farewell banquet given by his friends and then failed to go travelling, this Editor with some embarrassment must face his friends and thank them for the good wishes which he feels he did not merit, explaining that after all he never left town.

Montgomery Major

Mechanics of the Swiss System

By Gene Collett

(From the United States Chess Federation Club Manual)

In preparing this treatise on the Swiss System, the first full-length treatment to appear in print, the writer had the generous help and advice of two of the method's leading proponents, George Koltanowski and J. C. Thompson. The article will appear in the USCF Club Manual, which is slated for early publication.

THERE are time when a round robin meet cannot be held, the size of the field being such that it is impossible to hold individual contests between each pair of players in the amount of time available.

The seeded tournament does not provide an exactly satisfactory substitute, particularly as an unfortunate loss or draw in the preliminary round may eliminate a strong player.

For these reasons, more and more tournament directors are turning to the Swiss System, an import from Europe, which makes it possible to select the best player from a big entry list in two or three days and in a relatively few rounds of play.



Gene Collett

Basic rules of the Swiss System, as played in the better tournaments, are as follows:—

- 1) All players, regardless of number, play in a single section.
- 2) Opponents and colors for the first round of play are drawn by lot.
- 3) In the second round, winners are matched against winners, those who drew against others who drew, and losers against losers.
- 4) In succeeding rounds, insofar as possible, players with equal scores are matched against each other.
- 5) All matching of players shall be from the top; that is, those who have the highest scores shall be matched first. If there is an extra player in the group, after others with equal scores have been matched, he shall be drawn in the next lower scoring group; and so on.
- 6) If there is an odd player, the bye in each round shall go to the player with the lowest score; or, if there are equal low scores, to one of these, to be chosen by lot, except that no player, regardless of his score, shall be given a second bye. The bye shall be awarded before other drawings are made.
- 7) When such choice is possible, opponents and colors are assigned by lot. Effort is made, beginning with the second round, to keep assignment of colors equitable. Thus, if two men are matched, one of whom has played White, the other Black only, they shall play opposite colors in the second round. If both had Black or both White, colors shall be assigned by lot.
- 8) No player shall be assigned the same opponent twice in the course of the tournament.
- 9) In the late rounds, it may be found that some players whose scores make them eligible to meet cannot do so because they have already played each other. The Tournament Director should be on the alert to avoid a second

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Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Some Problem Generalities

(Continued)

UNORTHODOX problems belong to the realm of Fairy Chess or vice versa. Composers who revel in producing these unorthodox compositions have no regard or respect for the limitations of the regular chessboard, nor do they confine their ideas to the use of the legitimate pieces.

They dream up and create all kinds of bizarre and outlandish pieces with freakish but well defined powers. They even go so far as to take one square from a corner or even center of the board, or they utilize only a section of it, such as $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$, or they may enlarge it to 88 or 100 squares or more. Going still further they change the square board to a cylinder and create Cylindrical Chess.

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Should this article enthrall any one to wish to learn more about Fairy Chess, I suggest they send \$1.50 for a year's subscription to The Fairy Chess Review, to T. R. Dawson, 31 Clyde Road, Croydon, England.

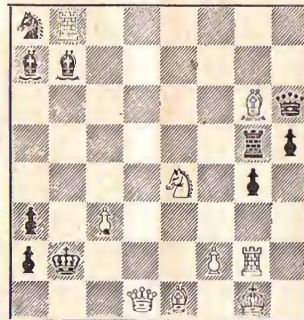
And now once again I return to the orthodox problems. You may recall that in the last issue of CHESS LIFE I wrote (without defining) about the ideas, themes and tasks of the composing art. I quote a passage from the book Sam Loyd and His Chess Problems which may enable my readers to recognize the distinction between themes and ideas. The passage: "A theme might be described as the strategic motive of a problem, while its idea lies in any pretty trick or peculiar mating position incidental to the theme or sometimes suggestive of it. A theme can usually be built up in a thousand ways, an idea is the same, once for all. A theme can be in most cases readily described in words, an idea has a sparkle which the attempt to define is likely at the same time to dispel."

Among the many themes that have been elucidated and illustrated by composers (to mention a few) are The Indian, Plachutta, Organ Pipes, Interference themes, Block themes, Batteries, Sparring themes, Pinning, Half-pinning, Unpinning, Cross-check, Bristol themes, Clearances, etc.

Task problems are those in which the composer aims to achieve a certain task he has imposed on himself and often under conditions he or others have stipulated. Sometimes the task is the maximum number of mates possible for the Q or the number of sacrifices possible to the K or any other piece or a theme (which is also a task in its way), the Black Pickaninny, etc.

In my next column I will publish the conditions governing A Task Composing Competition that I have hope will be of interest to all chess problem composers.

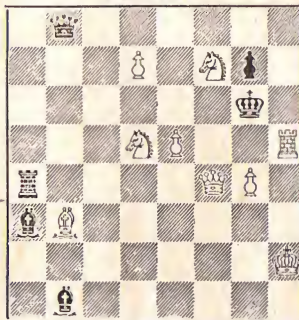
Problem No. 11
By A. Kish
(Deceased)
Black: 10 men



White: 9 men
sR6, bB6, 6Bq, 6Rp, 4Sp1, p1P5, pk3P1R1, 3Q1K1.

White mates in two moves

Problem No. 12
By W. Meredith
(Deceased)
Black: 6 men



White: 9 men
1q6, 3P1Sp1, 6k1, 3SP2R, r4QP1, bB6, 7K, 1b6.

White mates in two moves

Solutions:

The solution to Problem No. 7 is: 1. Bc5 with threat of 2. Sxg5 dblech, mate. If 1., Kc5; 2. SxS. If 1., RxS; 2. QxR. If 1., QxS(e6); 2. Rd4. If 1., SxS 2. QxQ etc. If 1., Qe5; 2. Qd3.

The solution to Problem No. 8 is: 1. Kb5 with no threat. They key is the only waiting move White can make to retain the set-up mates. Key unpins the Black R and gives additional variety. Variations are: 1., Rc5; 1., Rc7 or c8; 1., Rd4; 1., Rd4 (or f4, g4, h4); 1., P5; 1., Pd4. Respective White mates are: 2. KxR; 2. Qd6; 2. KxR; 2. Qa3; 2. SxP; 2. Sd4.

Correct solutions of Problems 7 and 8 are acknowledged received from: Peter Korf and F. A. Holloway (Grand Rapids, Mich.); Jack Spence and H. P. Underwood (Omaha, Neb.); Roland Pariseau (Woonsocket, R. I.); J. Bolton (New Haven, Conn.); H. Hickman, H. Groendyke, and N. Gabor (Cincinnati, O.); E. H. Benjamin (Cleveland, O.); B. Marshall (Shreveport, La.).

For A Chess Scrapbook

You must not, when you have gained a victory, use any triumphing or insulting expression, nor show too much pleasure; but endeavor to console your adversary, and make him less dissatisfied with himself by every kind of civil expression, that may be used with truth, such as, "You understand the game better than I, but you are a little inattentive," or, "You play too fast," or "You had the best of the game, but something happened to divert your thoughts, and that turned it in my favor."

Benjamin Franklin

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

Tomorrow's Champions

THE success of the National Individual Intercollegiate Tournament points an interesting moral for American chess. Organized competition can produce powerful chess players! It is only 8 years since the National Intercollegiate Chess League began to organize large-scale college events, and only three years since these events have been part of the overall USCF program. College clubs today are almost as numerous as non-college clubs, and they are attracting the chessmasters of tomorrow to their ranks. These are our champions of tomorrow!

The growth of college chess is best exemplified by the fact that experienced New York players like Plesset, Weinstein and Yanofsky finished well behind newcomers to the tournament field like Fell and Acivos (each playing in their first major event). One of the most significant results of this tournament should be a scramble on the part of the nation's chess clubs for these talented youngsters. And what finer method of attracting them than to invite your local college team to play its matches at your club?

Meanwhile, the college players of yesterday and today lead in the competitions of the powerful Marshall and Manhattan Chess Clubs. At the former, Herbert Seidman has captured the lead, with Carl Pilnick in second place. At the Manhattan, Pilnick, Rynga, Shipman and Kramer, all products of local junior and college competition, have begun play in the finals of the club championship, in which this columnist confidently predicts that they will finish ahead of several of the nation's most-publicized veterans.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

On the first page of the October 5, CHESS LIFE is an item headed "Americans Win World Problem Championship". I would like to point out why I think the method used there to rank the world's problem composers is completely fallacious and such a tabulation of points gives no indication of the relative quality or even quantity of the work of different composers.

1. Composing tournaments vary greatly in importance. An "honorable mention" in such an important tourney as the recent USCF Tourney or one of the half-yearly British Chess Magazine ones may well be a better problem than a "first prize" in a small affair conducted by a local publication.

2. Some composers send their better problems to important publications with wide circulation rather than to places where they are more likely to get "prizes". For example, the American Chess Bulletin in past years has published a multitude of fine problems, yet only one "prize" is given each year.

3. There is often considerable difference of opinion among composers and critics as to the relative merits of problems and tourney judges are not infallible. Hence, I believe such tabulated composite results are quite misleading. It is better to simply publish the results of individual composing tourneys of interest to readers as they occur.

A. Reader

Say you saw it in CHESS LIFE

First Come, First Served

CHESS, contrary to the impression held in some quarters, is not a game for timid souls. It is a contest which calls for considerable combative vigor. Since it is not considered proper to smash the board and pieces over your opponent's head whenever you make a mistake, the pent-up energy must take the form of powerful attacking moves. Let either player falter, and he will find himself the victim of a murderous onslaught (by his opponent's pieces!).

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
Bad Lovisa, 1934 (Brilliant Prize)

White
1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. B-K15
4. P-K3
5. Kt-KB3
6. Q-Kt2
7. B-Q3
8. Q-B2
9. PxP

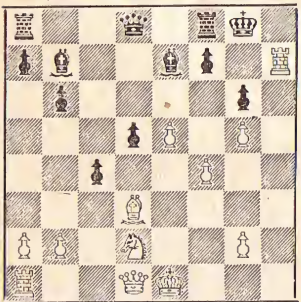
Black is now prepared to freg his game somewhat with P-B4. Therefore, instead of contenting himself with the routine 10 0-0, White tries to hold the initiative with:

10 Kt-K5
11 PxK4
He need not fear exchanges, for example: 12 BxB, QxB; 13 KtKt?; PxKt and Black wins a Pawn (14 BxP??, Q-Kt5ch). Or 12 KtKt, PxKt; 13 BxB, QxB with the same variation.

12 P-KR4?
The opening of the KR file is risky; the same is true of 12 ... BxB, with the possible continuation 13 PxP, 14 KtKt, QxKtP?; 15 Kt-B6ch!!; PxKt; 16 0-0-0 and wins!

13 PxKt
14 P-B4
In order to drive White's Bishop off the strong attacking diagonal. 14 ... BxP; 15 PxP, QxP brings in three Pawns for a piece, but White's attack continues unabated.

15 Q-Q2
16 RxP!!
A solar plexus blow. If now 15 ... KxR?; 17 Q-R5ch, K-Kt2; 18 Q-R6ch, K-Kt1; 19 BxKtP; 20 QxPch, K-R1; 21 K-B2! and wins.



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But this is also wrong; Black is demoralized. He should have played 16 ... BxP! (fighting back!); 17 BxKtP! (best), B-R5ch!; 18 K-B1, PxP; 19 RxQB, Q-B1; 20 Kt-B3, QxR; 21 KtBx with chances for both sides.

17 K-B2!
Or 17 ... KxR; 18 Q-Rich, K-Kt1; 19 Q-R6 and Black must helplessly await 20 R-R1. A curious line is 17 ... BxP; 18 Q-R1!; B-KB3; 19 Q-R6! and again 10 R-R1 decides. 18 Q-R1
Against the threat of 19 Q-R6 he has only 18 ... R-B2, allowing 19 R-R8ch and mate next move.

1947 INDIVIDUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Points
1. Robert Byrne (Yale)	W-23	W-29	D-7	D-8	W-2	W-15	D-3	53-13	25			
2. Andrew Acrios (Syracuse)	W-21	W-28	W-11	D-15	L-1	W-9	W-7	53-13	22			
3. Chester T. Fell (Williams)	D-16	D-20	W-37	W-25	W-13	W-7	D-1	51-15	20			
4. Sol Gartenhaus (U. of Penn.)	W-38	L-7	D-6	W-24	W-30	W-19	W-5	51-15	17			
5. Wadwick (Brooklyn)	W-43	D-18	D-10	W-21	L-13	W-16	W-14	5-2	15			
6. Nicholas Bakos (Brooklyn)	W-27	L-18	D-4	W-35	D-22	W-25	W-15	5-2	15			
7. Franklin S. Howard (Newark)	W-44	W-4	D-1	W-18	W-9	L-3	L-2	43-23	18			
8. Harry Yanofsky (Yeshiva)	W-22	D-34	W-23	D-1	D-19	W-10	L-4	43-23	18			
9. Stanley Weinstein (N.Y.U.)	W-25	W-36	D-18	W-13	L-7	L-2	W-19	43-23	15			
10. Paul Pressman (N.Y.U.)	W-34	D-14	D-5	D-16	W-9	L-8	W-23	43-23	15			
11. E. Victor Traibush (Brooklyn)	W-33	W-30	L-2	L-19	W-17	D-14	W-13	43-23	15			
12. Jacques Singer (N.Y.U.)	W-34	W-34	W-29	L-13	D-16	W-18	W-24	43-23	14			
13. Joseph Faucher (Princeton)	W-4	W-4	W-26	W-29	L-13	D-16	W-18	W-24	43-23	14		
14. Brian Owens (Yale)	W-3	W-3	W-27	W-27	W-27	W-27	W-27	W-27	W-27	W-27	W-27	W-27
15. Don Hurst (N.Y.U.)	W-3	W-3	W-28	W-28	W-28	W-28	W-28	W-28	W-28	W-28	W-28	W-28
16. N. Schaffer (C.C.N.Y.)	W-3	W-3	W-29	W-29	W-29	W-29	W-29	W-29	W-29	W-29	W-29	W-29
17. Aaron Panoff (U. of Penn.)	W-3	W-3	W-30	W-30	W-30	W-30	W-30	W-30	W-30	W-30	W-30	W-30
18. Julian J. Leavitt (Harvard)	W-3	W-3	W-31	W-31	W-31	W-31	W-31	W-31	W-31	W-31	W-31	W-31
19. Morton R. Siegel (Buffalo)	W-3	W-3	W-32	W-32	W-32	W-32	W-32	W-32	W-32	W-32	W-32	W-32
20. Richard Elmhorn (C.C.N.Y.)	W-3	W-3	W-33	W-33	W-33	W-33	W-33	W-33	W-33	W-33	W-33	W-33
21. Kiven Plesset (C.C.N.Y.)	W-3	W-3	W-34	W-34	W-34	W-34	W-34	W-34	W-34	W-34	W-34	W-34
22. Norman Finkelstein (U. of P.)	W-3	W-3	W-35	W-35	W-35	W-35	W-35	W-35	W-35	W-35	W-35	W-35
23. Herbert P. Fey (Georgetown)	W-3	W-3	W-36	W-36	W-36	W-36	W-36	W-36	W-36	W-36	W-36	W-36
24. Joshua Gross (Rutgers)	W-3	W-3	W-37	W-37	W-37	W-37	W-37	W-37	W-37	W-37	W-37	W-37
25. Carl Cohen (U. of Miami)	W-3	W-3	W-38	W-38	W-38	W-38	W-38	W-38	W-38	W-38	W-38	W-38
Not completing schedule were:												
39. Paul Levitt (Penn.)												
40. Harold Feldman (Rutgers)												
41. Howard Bernstein (Rutgers)												
42. Steve Schenker (Cornell)												
43. Jack Meli (R.I.P.)												
44. Herman Nedzela (Rutgers)												

MECHANICS OF THE SWISS SYSTEM

Continued from page 2, column 1.

drawing of such players. If a player has met all persons in his scoring group, he must be matched against a player in the next lowest group.

- The method of scoring shall be 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw, and no point for a loss. A player receiving a bye shall be scored 1 point, exactly as if he had played and won.
- If a player withdraws in the course of the meet, he is scored zero for the remainder of his games and his card removed from the drawings. All scores made against him by the other players, prior to his withdrawal are allowed to stand. (Note that this procedure differs from that usually followed in round robin tournament.)

The director should provide himself, prior to the opening of the meet, with a series of filling cards, about 3 by 5 inches in size. One of these should be assigned to each player, and his name should be written at the top. Underneath should be provided columns as follows:

Round	Opponent	Color	Result	Cumulative Score
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The director should make entries on these cards after each drawing and at the completion of each game. This provides him, at all times, with a running account of the tournament, showing opponents met, colors of men played and how many times, and the player's score to date. The backs of the cards should be kept free of notes and scrupulously clean so the cards may be used for drawings for color and opponents, when such drawings are possible.

The director should have a blackboard on which he can keep an up-to-date report on drawings, round results and standings to date, so players need not thumb through the cards to find where they stand.

At the end of the meet, the director will find ties for many positions. Some directors break these by using the Sonneborn-Berger count. This method is supposed to determine the strength of the tied players by assessing the strength of opponents. In many cases, however, ties are simply allowed to stand, with honors and prizes divided equally. If it is necessary to pick one player for a championship, the tying players may meet in one or more games to break the tie. Only rarely will conditions be such that persons tied for a title cannot play at least one additional game at the meet or, by arrangement, at some later date. A tie of this sort may, of course, result as easily from round robin play as under the Swiss System.

If it has been decided to use the Sonneborn-Berger count to break ties, the director should provide an additional column on the right side of his player cards.

It is generally agreed that four rounds of play are sufficient to select a champion from a group of 16 or fewer players; five rounds, up to 32 players, six rounds, up to 64 players; and so on.

Players often insist on "more games," overruling a director who may seek to hold the tournament to the fewest possible rounds; or because of the large number of outstanding players, it may be desired to hold more rounds in order that as many masters as possible may engage each other directly.

Such additional rounds seldom dislodge a champion. If played, they must be handled carefully by the director, as the matching of players against suitable opponents becomes extremely difficult because of the conditions set forth in rule (9) above.

In a second and concluding article on the Swiss System, the writer will tell how anyone can learn in a few minutes how to direct such a tournament.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojman

SOL FRIEDMAN, prominent Illinois attorney and one time Illinois State Chess Champion, was interviewed by Bob Elson on the air on January 6 in a program entitled "Twentieth Century." Friedman, boarding the Twentieth Century in the New York Grand Central Station, paused long enough to speak with enthusiasm of chess, insisting that it was a game that anyone could learn to play. In a few well chosen words he defined the game and spoke briefly of Alekhine, Emanuel Lasker and Reshevsky as the "boy wonder" of several decades ago.

Add to the list of U. S. Chess Columns, compiled by Gene Collett, the column in the weekly Miami publication The Week which circulates throughout the Caribbean region. USCF Director Mary Bain is the able columnist.

The squib in CHESS LIFE on October 20 about the Los Angeles chess-nut who made his wife play chess with him at the point of a gun gained world recognition when Schaakmat (Dutch semi-monthly) reprinted it with the grave admonition: "Onze vrouwen kunnen hieruit zien, dat het toch maar beter is om hun mannen een schaakavondje op de schaakclub te gunnen."

JUNIORS DRAW WITH SENIORS AT CHADWICK

The Junior section of the Chadwick (Poughkeepsie, N. Y.) Chess Club drew a six-board match with the senior members for the second time in five endeavors.

Senior Chadwick	Junior Chadwick
E. S. Carter	1 Dan Meyerson
Victor Bohm	0 Harold Laskin
George Traver	1 Dick Meyerson
J. Meyerson	0 Henry Bohm
Fred Schmitz	1 Earl Yarnell
Hans Gronke	0 Rev. J. Randolph
Seniors	3 Juniors

BELL TELEPHONE SPONSORS MATCH

The Bell Telephone System, always active in chess, has added to its usual long-distance telephone matches a new activity—chess by correspondence.

In the newly inaugurated tournament by mail over two hundred employees of the Bell System throughout the country are engaged in correspondence chess, including players from the allied Western Electric and other subsidiaries of the Bell Telephone System.

U. S. INTERCOLLEGIATE LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT FINALS

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1. R. Byrne (Yale)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-4
2. J. Leavitt (Harvard)	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-3
3. J. Shelnusky (N.Y.U.)	0	x	x	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	6-3
4. R. Hays (Union)	0	x	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	5-4
5. J. Singer (N.Y.U.)	0	0	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	4-3
6. A. Larsen (Yale)	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	0	1	1	4-5
7. B. Owens (Yale)	0	0	1	0	0	x	0	1	1	1	3-6
8. W. May (Union)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	x	0	1	3-6
9. J. Gross (Rutgers)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	x	0	2-7
10. L. Brown (Yale)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	1-8

Tuesday, January 20, 1948

For The Tournament-Minded

Note: Entrance fees to the U. S. Championship Preliminary Area Tournaments are uniformly \$5.00 in every Area Tournament to USCF members. (Non-members may participate by including \$1.00 for USCF dues with their regular entry fee.)

January 26

Area 7 U. S. Preliminaries
New York, New York

Will be held in New York City; entries must be submitted by Monday, January 26; play will be held on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays. For details write Harold M. Phillips, 258 Broadway, New York City.

February 21-22

Area 5 U. S. Preliminaries
Fort Worth, Texas

Details will be announced later; write to Frank R. Graves, 202 Farm and Home Bldg., Ninth and Houston, Fort Worth 2, Texas.

February 21-24

Area 3 U. S. Preliminaries
Chicago, Illinois

Will be played at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Write Earl W. Davidson, 44 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. for details.

February 21-28

Area 4 U. S. Preliminaries
Johnson City, Tennessee

Will be played at John Sevier Hotel in Johnson City, Tenn. Write Martin Southern, 201 Realty Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn. for details.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IS MOVING DAY AT ROCHESTER

On New Year's day the Rochester (N. Y.) Chess and Checker Club celebrated moving into new and larger quarters at 26 Grand Avenue with a chess party. Dr. Herzberger and Erich W. Marchand (CHESS LIFE annotators) gave a tandem simultaneous with 11 wins, 2 losses and 3 draws. Victors against these experts were Allan Candee and Donald Sullivan.

The club has begun a 12-board correspondence match with Queen's (N. Y.) Chess Club.

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KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Intercollegiate Championship
New York, 1947

White	Black
A. ACRIVOS (Syracuse)	R. BYRNE (Yale)
1. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3 26. RxKt
2. P-B4	P-K3 27. P-K3
3. P-KK3	B-K4 28. B-K3
4. B-K12	O-O 29. Bx8
5. Kt-B3	P-Q3 30. R-K11
6. P-Q4	Q-K12 31. P-Q5
7. P-KR3	P-K4 32. RxP
8. B-K3	R-K1 33. P-B6
9. O-Q2	P-B3 34. P-B7
10. O-O	PxP 35. R-K18 ch
11. Kt-P	Kt-K13 36. P-B5(Q)
12. Kt-K3	P-Q4 37. RxR
13. P-B5	Q-K12 38. R-B1
14. P-QK4	Kt-K5 39. R-Q1
15. B-R6	Kt-B4 40. K-B1
16. Q-B1	B-R1 41. K-K2
17. B-K15	O-B2 42. RxR
18. K-R4	Q-K4 43. KxR
19. B-B4	Q-K2 44. K-K2
20. B-K15	P-QR4 45. P-B3 ch
21. BxP1	PxP 46. K-B2
22. KxK1	PxKt 47. K-K2
23. B-K15	Kt-K5 48. P-B4
24. BxQ	Kt-K5 49. R-K3
25. B-Q6	Kt-R8 50. PxP

RUY LOPEZ

Intercollegiate Championship
New York, 1947

White	Black
C. T. FELL (Williams)	F. S. HOWARD (Newark)
1. P-K4	P-K4 12. B-B2
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3 13. Q-K1
3. B-K15	P-Q3 14. Kt-K3
4. B-R4	Kt-B3 15. B-K3
5. O-O	Kt-P 16. Qx8
6. P-Q4	P-QK4 17. Kt-Q4
7. B-K13	P-Q4 18. P-KB4
8. PxP	B-K3 19. Kt-B2
9. P-B3	B-B4 20. Q-KB3
10. Q-K12	Kt-Kt 21. P-B5
11. BxKt	Kt-QR4 22. P-B6

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Puerto Rico Junior Championship
San Juan, 1947

White	Black
R. DIAZ (Trujillo Alto)	M. MARTINEZ (Sancti Spiritus)
1. P-K4	P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3
3. P-Q4	PxP 4. Kt-P
5. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
6. Kt-B3	B-K12
7. B-QB4	R-B1
8. O-O	P-KR3
9. B-K12	Q-K2
10. Q-K12	P-QK4
11. BxKt	Kt-R4

White	Black
R. DIAZ (Trujillo Alto)	M. MARTINEZ (Sancti Spiritus)
1. P-K4	P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3
3. P-Q4	PxP 4. Kt-P
5. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
6. Kt-B3	B-K12
7. B-QB4	R-B1
8. O-O	P-KR3
9. B-K12	Q-K2
10. Q-K12	P-QK4
11. BxKt	Kt-R4

White	Black
R. DIAZ (Trujillo Alto)	M. MARTINEZ (Sancti Spiritus)
1. P-K4	P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3
3. P-Q4	PxP 4. Kt-P
5. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
6. Kt-B3	B-K12
7. B-QB4	R-B1
8. O-O	P-KR3
9. B-K12	Q-K2
10. Q-K12	P-QK4
11. BxKt	Kt-R4

White	Black
R. DIAZ (Trujillo Alto)	M. MARTINEZ (Sancti Spiritus)
1. P-K4	P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3
3. P-Q4	PxP 4. Kt-P
5. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
6. Kt-B3	B-K12
7. B-QB4	R-B1
8. O-O	P-KR3
9. B-K12	Q-K2
10. Q-K12	P-QK4
11. BxKt	Kt-R4

Tournament Life

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White	Black
7. O-O	B-K29. B-Q3
8. R-K1	O-O
9. White develops an attacking position.	
10. P-KR3	P-KR3
11. B-B4	B-K3
12. P-B4	P-Q4
13. QK1-Q2	P-B3
14. R-QB1	B-Q3
15. B-K5	PxP

White	Black
16. P-KR3	P-KR3
17. PxB	BxK1
18. BxQ	QxQ
19. QRxQ	KK1-Q2
20. P-K6	PxP
21. PxB ch.	
22. R-K2	R-K1
23. R-K1	Kt-B3
24. R-K1	Kt-B3
25. R-K1	Kt-B3

White	Black
26. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
27. Kt-B4	Kt-B4
28. R-K1	R-K1
29. R-K1	R-K1
30. R-K1	R-K1

White	Black
31. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
32. Kt-B4	Kt-B4
33. R-K1	R-K1
34. R-K1	R-K1
35. R-K1	R-K1

White	Black
36. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
37. Kt-B4	Kt-B4
38. R-K1	R-K1
39. R-K1	R-K1
40. R-K1	R-K1

White	Black
41. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
42. Kt-B4	Kt-B4
43. R-K1	R-K1
44. R-K1	R-K1
45. R-K1	R-K1

White	Black
46. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
47. Kt-B4	Kt-B4
48. R-K1	R-K1
49. R-K1	R-K1
50. R-K1	R-K1

White	Black
51. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
52. Kt-B4	Kt-B4
53. R-K1	R-K1
54. R-K1	R-K1
55. R-K1	R-K1

White	Black
56. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
57. Kt-B4	Kt-B4
58. R-K1	R-K1
59. R-K1	R-K1
60. R-K1	R-K1

White	Black
61. Kt-K5	Kt-K5
62. Kt-B4	Kt-B4
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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Marshall Club Championship
New York, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-KB4
3. Kt-QB3	P-KB4
4. P-KB3	P-KB4
5. B-K12	P-KB4
6. Kt-R3	P-KB4
7. P-KB3	P-KB4
8. B-K12	P-KB4
9. Kt-R3	P-KB4
10. P-KB3	P-KB4
11. P-KB3	P-KB4
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38. P-KB3	P-KB4
39. P-KB3	P-KB4
40. P-KB3	P-K



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Doctor Prescribes Chess As Tonic

CHESS KNOCKS AT HOSPITAL AND GAINS HEARTY WELCOME

Herman Kiefer Hospital In Detroit Finds Chess Ideal For Confined Patients

By Oscar Balchum, M.D.

The royal game of chess has acquired quite a following at Herman Kiefer Hospital, Detroit. There are about sixty patients at this tuberculosis hospital who are now playing by the postal method, sending their moves by mail. Many more are interested, and are now able to begin to learn the game because boards and books have been made available recently. Reverend Otto Turk and the Lutheran Ladies' Mission Society of Detroit lately donated twelve pocket peg-in chess sets and seven chess books. The American Legion Veterans Organization gave fifteen chess boards, fourteen beginners' books, and seven more advanced chess books. Reverend Pollatz of St. Phillip's Lutheran Church donated two chess sets. The Friends of the Wayne County Library (of which the Herman Kiefer Hospital Library is a branch), through the kind efforts of Mr. Walter Kaiser, have purchased five of the larger peg-in chess sets and loaned 15 books for the use of the patients. All of the above books and boards have been placed in the hospital library and circulate in the same manner as regular library books.

The spread of the game of chess has also been greatly facilitated by the interest of one of the supervising nurses, Miss Myrtle Swanson, R.N. She has interested many patients in the game, has matched players of like ability, and, in general, has seen that all is running smoothly in the "chess world" at the hospital. The patients greatly appreciate the many kind efforts of Miss Swanson.

Although quite a few boards and books have recently been made available, more could be used as it seems that the demand is always greater than the supply. More boards and books for average and advanced players would be more than welcome. Chess instruction by interested individuals would be of great advantage. Many patients find it difficult to learn the game merely by reading directions. Personal lessons and practice games would be of great help and pleasure to them. Any interested chess players who would be able to teach chess please write or phone Miss Helena McCullough, Librarian, Herman Kiefer Hospital, Detroit 2, Michigan, Phone Trinity 2-1540, Extension 180.

Many patients would welcome the opportunity of playing postal chess with players outside the hospital. Those interested should call or write the above.

An inter-hospital chess tournament has been started between Herman Kiefer Hospital, Detroit, and the Maybury Sanatorium, Northville, Michigan. Each hospital has a team of nine players divided into three groups; one group is composed of average players, and the other two groups are beginners. Each patient plays one game with each of the three players in the like group of the opposing team. Moves are carried via hospital mail by the regular inter-hospital ambulance service. The tournament has been in progress for about two months and the players are enjoying it very much. Patients with tuberculosis may be hospitalized for several years and many games can be played before they are ready to go home.

From time to time news of the chess tournament is printed in the (Please turn to page 3, col. 4)



Photo: Courtesy Louisville Courier-Journal

A PLEASANT INTERLUDE

Jack Moyse, President of the Louisville Chess Club (left), quenches the thirst of Martin Southern, President of the Southern Chess Association (right), while USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., smiles his approval.

KMOCK KNOCKOUT AT PITTSBURGH

Hans Kmock, the able annotator and master player who has transferred his chess activities from the Continent to the United States, is demonstrating in his first tour that Europe's loss has been America's gain. At the Downtown YMCA Chess Club at Pittsburgh on January 15 in a twenty-two board simultaneous, Kmock won seventeen, lost one and drew four in the course of winning many new friends by his able and affable performance. The loss was to Alexander Spitzer; the draws to 16-year old Richard Freedland; W. A. Mallory, club president; Joseph Firestone; and USCF Vice-President William M. Byland.

SVENDSEN WINS CAMPUS TITLE

At the University of Oklahoma Dr. Kester Svendsen, secretary of the Oklahoma Chess Association, scored a technical knockout in besting Professor Antonio de la Torre on January 8 to secure the Campus Championship. The tournament was a knockout-style meeting with twenty-four entrants, including faculty and students—but the profs showed more stamina than the students in lasting out for the final round.

NEW OFFICERS FOR GARY CHES

At the annual meeting of the Gary (Ind.) Chess Club, Harry Salisbury was elected president, Floyd Bolton secretary-treasurer, and Dave Brooks, Indiana State Champion, team captain. The club plans to hold a City Championship tournament on February 6 open to all residents of Gary.

Falling in step with the modern emphasis of youth, the Gary Club is proud of its own local juniors: Kan Hybarger, 14-year old player; Henry Glertych, 17 years old; and Bill Backemeyer, 16 years old. All three of these have won most of their match games in contests with outside chess clubs.

THINK BIG! SAYS CHAS. M. HARDINGE ON MAIL CHES

Chess by mail on an international scale with 10,000 chess players corresponding is the vision of Charles M. Hardinge (The Pawn Shop) of Minneapolis, Minn., U.S. Director of the International Mail Players.

The International Mail Players is an informal organization, originated by R. J. Smith, Abby Wood, S.E. 2, London, England as a venture in international good will. It collects no fees or dues and its sole purpose is to arrange postal chess matches between players of various countries.

To date, as reported by Mr. Hardinge, about 600 U. S. players are participating in these informal matches by mail with players in every playing country except Russia. Total number of matches throughout the world are in the neighborhood of 2,000 boards.

Those interested in participating in this informal venture in international good will through chess may contact Charles M. Hardinge, Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club, 718 Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis 7, Minn.

KMOCK BESTS CHICAGO GROUP

Playing a thirty board simultaneous exhibition at the Chess Club of Chicago, Hans Kmock scored twenty-five wins, four draws and one loss. The loss was to Al Poschel, father of former State Champion Paul Poschel; and the draws were with 14-year old J. Klein, J. Shaffer, John Anderson, and George Kaiser.

SAVE THESE DATES!

July 5—July 17

For The

49th Annual U. S. Open Tournament

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Their Need Our Duty

Add to the list published in CHESS LIFE on October 20th the names

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Berlin N 55, Germany
Friedrich Saemisch
(24b) Kiel
Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 66
Provinz Schleswig-Holstein
British Zone, Germany

The first is recommended by Dr. Max Euwe, the second by Mr. Max Reiss of the Rochester Chess & Checker Club as worthy of our assistance. Packages (\$10.00) may be sent through CARE, 50 Broad Street, New York City.

Let's keep the helping hand extended!

PAUL G. GIERS
USCF Executive Vice-President

Directing A Swiss Journey

By Gene Collett

(From the United States Chess Federation Club Manual)

This is the second and concluding article of a series telling how the Swiss system operates and how to direct this type of tournament. The writer had the help of two Swiss System experts, J. C. Thompson and George Koltanowski, in preparing the manuscript.

THE director will find it desirable to allow four hours for each game in Swiss System play and, in no case, less than three hours. Clocks are highly useful, if available. Otherwise, some complaint may arise if a fast player finds himself handicapped in reaching a decision against an unusually slow player. If there are some clocks, the director should allot them to tables where he knows a difference in speed of play is likely to cause dissatisfaction.

If clocks are used, each player should be allowed one-half of the available time. A popular plan is to require the player to make 50 moves in what ever time he is allowed for the game.

Proponents of the plan say 50 moves can be played in 90 minutes if the time is used judiciously. They figure an average of one minute a move for the first 10 moves and an average of two minutes per move for the next 50 moves—a total of 90 minutes, or 1½ hours.

Play should end at the close of the time period, whether clocks are used or not. If the game is unfinished, it should be submitted to adjudication. All games must be completed in time for the scores to be used in making drawings for the next round.

Occasionally, expedients are tried in an effort to obtain what directors consider a more equitable working of the Swiss.

One of the most important of these has to do with adjudications, long considered a necessary evil. (Please turn to page 3, col. 2)

AMSTERDAM HAS FORMIDABLE TEAM FOR CABLE MATCH

The New York Stock Exchange faces a formidable array of talent in the ten-man team selected to represent the Amsterdam Stock Exchange in the cable match scheduled for February 14. For first board Amsterdam will have the well-known Dutch player T. C. van Scheijlinga. Boards two to ten will be in the capable hands of H. Kleefstra, U. Crabbendam, W. C. A. L. Muller, J. Kempes, J. Ph. Grondman, C. L. C. Decker, J. J. Van Weering, F. van Stetten, and Justus Meijer.

The New York team, restricted to employees and members of the Stock Exchange and member firms, will have the American master Isaac Kashdan at board one as team captain. Other members of the team will be selected from the following: E. Schuyler Jackson, Maurice Wertheim, Howard Hamerslag, H. Wallace Cohu, Clare Torrey, Herbert W. Marache, Alexander Pinney, Jacques Coe, Jacob Menkes, David A. Murray, Sol Ramehm, Alfred E. Tonne, Stanley Zelenksi, Joseph O'Reilly, Donald Hart, T. Palen, and E. Johnson.

Officialing in New York as referees and directors will be members from the Commercial Chess League, including John F. Fowler, Jr. and Philip Allen of the Investment Bankers team; and Nelson Hogenauer and William Marcy of the Central Hanover Bank team.

VENTNOR CITY HOLDS ELECTION

The Ventnor City (N.J.) Chess Club held its annual meeting and elected I. F. Daily president; George Coke vice-president; and Mrs. W. Angus Thom secretary-treasurer.



Gene Collett

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THE REDEEMING DEFECT

OUT of a cautious curiosity, not altogether altruistic, CHESS LIFE has asked its readers to indicate by means of a questionnaire published in the issue of December 20 their own preferences and desires.

The response to this appeal has been gratifying, for the reader could well say that it was not his task to teach the editor how to please his fancies. Both in lucidity of statement and number of replies the returns have been informative and instructive. A detailed analysis of these various answers will be the subject of an article in an early issue of CHESS LIFE.

We wish to thank each reader who has submitted a response, and urge the others to submit their own preferences before an analysis is completed.

While the hasty sum and total of the responses received seems to indicate that most readers desire little change in CHESS LIFE beyond greater preference to their own particular interest in chess, it is gratifying to note that some have found a flaw or two. It was Disraeli who said of Gladstone: "He has not a single redeeming defect". CHESS LIFE is satisfied to remain more human in its occasional frailties.

Montgomery Major

CHESS INTERLUDE AT LOUISVILLE

(Monthly Letter No. 50)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

AN enterprise planned for one purpose will frequently produce incidental values that are fully as rich as those of the original objective. Such has been my experience with the preparation for the qualifying tournament in Area No. 4. As that Area covers "the District of Columbia and all the Southern States South of Pennsylvania and East of the Mississippi", it was but logical that the Chairmanship of the Committee for such Area should go to the president of the Southern Chess Association, Mr. Martin Southern of Knoxville, Tennessee.

My correspondence with Mr. Southern soon revealed that there were many common interests and common problems which were shared by the USCF and the SCA. It quickly appeared that a closer relationship between the two organizations could be more effectively brought about if Mr. Southern and I could have a personal discussion of various matters than if we attempted to go over them by the slower and more cumbersome medium of writing letters. We agreed to meet on January 16, and by one of those excellent gifts of fortune Louisville was selected as our meeting place.

In Louisville, Mr. Southern and I were received most graciously and in the best tradition of Southern hospitality. Mr. Merrill Dowden, Chess Editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal and USCF Director for Kentucky, not only helped to make us welcome but in active cooperation with Mr. Jack Moyse, President of the Louisville Chess Club, arranged a delightful luncheon at which we met many chess players and other citizens of Louisville. Among these were Earl Ruby, Sports Editor of the Courier-Journal; Bovard Clayton, chief sports announcer, WGRG and W. F. Johnson, Promotion Man of radio station WGRG; W. F. Meredith, Executive Director of the Louisville Convention Bureau; William B. Schmitt, Secretary of the Louisville Chess Club and lecturer on modern openings; Dr. Max Blum, who distinguished himself by a pretty draw against George Koltanowski at his exhibition there in November; John C. Ruysenaars, 78 year old chess player, who, although not quite a charter member of the Louisville Chess Club (organized in 1865) has been a faithful member since 1896; Jackie Mayer, 14, who played in the Junior Championship Tournament at Cleveland last summer.

Two hours of earnest discussion with these enthusiastic people, all interested in the promotion of chess, firmly convinced Mr. Southern and me that here is one of the most promising cities in the entire country for the growth of the game. They want to be hosts to the U. S. Open Tournament at the earliest date and can be counted upon to give that event a tremendous boost when the time comes.

Although Mr. Southern and I enjoyed to the fullest extent the friendly reception which was accorded to us by the people in Louisville, the day was by no means one of all play and no work. We spent several hours in discussion of long range plans for the promotion of chess and methods whereby the USFC and the SCA can coordinate their efforts, as well as the solution of problems more immediately at hand. Such as the qualifying tournament in Area No. 4.

Which was the subject that started us off in the first place.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., Newport, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

A few weeks before taking over the Problem editorship of CHESS LIFE I composed an original sound two-move direct mate problem along task lines conceived by me. This composition has not been published and I do not choose to exhibit it at present as I believe some composers are excellent "copy cats." As the task is rather well defined and somewhat limited as to the pieces to be employed in its accomplishment, more originality in versions may be anticipated if an example is not given. Composers are thus placed strictly "on their own" to find the mechanism they desire to employ in producing problems along the lines imposed by the task.

Here is the task (simple though it may be) which I hope will prove attractive to all who are interested in the art of problem construction.

CHESS LIFE

TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Compose a sound direct mate two-move problem, free of duals in main variations, the key of which simultaneously unpins two black pawns, permitting each unpinned pawn two distinct moves with separate and distinct white mating moves.

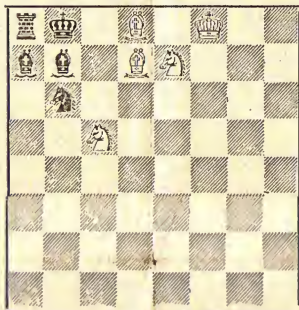
Composers may submit entries, not to exceed two, up to June 10, 1948 to Problem Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 East 7th Street, Newport, Ky., who will act as judge of the contest and award the composer of the best version with a free year's subscription to CHESS LIFE. Since the task conditions are very restrictive, it is anticipated that similar versions may be submitted. Should this occur, the prize will be awarded the composer whose entry antedates the others.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

Problem No. 13
By Dr. P. G. Keeney
Newport, Ky.

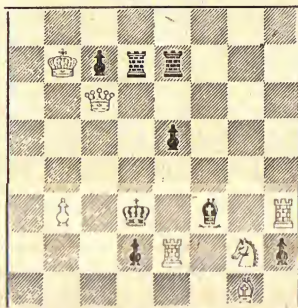
(Original)
Black: 5 men



White: 5 men
rk1B1K2, bb1BS3, 1a6, 2S5,
8, 8, S, S, S,
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 14
By Edgar Holladay
Charlottesville, Va.

(Original)
Specially composed for CHESS LIFE
Black: 8 men



White: 7 men
8, 1Kprp3, 2Q5, 4p3, 8,
1P1k1B1R, 5p1R1Sp, 6B1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 13 above is a problem dream if not a "dream of a problem", composed by ye P. E. sans voir, while tossing in bed and unable to sleep. Instead of resorting to "counting sheep", he lulled himself to rest evolving the above Decalet. Decalet is the name given to problems utilizing 10 pieces, no more, no less.

Problem No. 14, a delightful composition and the first outside original contribution to the problem department of CHESS LIFE, is the work of Edgar Holladay, Problem Editor of The Cleveland Chess Bulletin. In the past few years Mr. Holladay has composed many excellent problems, which have gained for him deserved recognition of his composing ability. I feel sure you will find Problem No. 14 a pleasing and puzzling creation. Thank you, Mr. Holladay.

Solutions:—

The keymove of Problem No. 9 is: 1. Q-KB1. This type of position is referred to as an incomplete block. The key is of the waiter type since it does not make a threat. The prettiest variation occurs when 1. K-Kt3; 2. Q-B5 mate. The mate is known as a cross-check and there is a triple black pin of Q, R and P. If 1. R any; 2. Q-B4. If 1. Kt any; 2. Q-B6. If 1. Q-K6 ch or K7; 2. RxQ. If 1. QxR; 2. QxQ.

The keymove of Problem No. 10 is: 1. B-K4 with threat to mate by 2. QxP. A seven-fold sacrifice of the white B is offered. Black's defenses against the threat are the capture of the B by R, P, Q, either R and either Kt. The respective mates are: 2. R-B4; 2.Q-Q8; 2. R-R2; 2. R-R2; 2. Kt-K6; 2. R(R3)-Q3. Has a splendid key, excellent variety and some beautiful mates.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 9 and 10 are acknowledged received from: James Bolton (New Haven, Conn.); Peter Korf, F. Holloway (Grand Rapids, Mich.); Edgar Holladay (Charlottesville, Va.); E. H. Benjamin (Cleveland, O.); H. Groendyke, N. Gabor, E. Deiss (Cincinnati, O.); Jack Spence (Omaha); Mrs. William Ward (Sedalia, Mo.). Correct solution to Problem No. 10 came from J. B. Holt (Sarasota, Fla.). Related solutions to Problems No. 7 and 8 were received from Roland Pariseau (Woonsocket, R. I.). Incorrect solutions to Problems No. 9 and 10 were received from Harold Van Muller (Compton, Calif.) and D. C. MacDonald (Grand Forks, N. Dak.); while an incorrect solution to Problem No. 9 came from J. B. Holt (Sarasota, Fla.).

Questions and Answers

Query: What connection do the letters and numerals beneath the diagrams of problems have with the problems or their solutions?

Answer: The letters and numerals below the diagrams are merely a shorthand check-up of the position of the pieces on the diagram. This method was originated by a man named Forsythe and the notation bears his name. You read the position on the diagram by reading the letters and numerals. The explanation of the method is as follows: White pieces are represented by Capital letters, Black pieces by small letters, blank or empty spaces by numerals. A comma is used to separate the rows. So facing the diagram, begin with the upper row at the left and read across completing the 8 squares, then return to the second upper row and again read across, etc. Continue until you have read the entire 8 rows. For example, suppose the notation is as follows: kq3R2, pnpK4, 8, 4B, 3KtB3, 5, 8, Q7. White mates in two moves. This means, reading top line from upper left hand corner, there is a black king on the corner square, next sq. to the black king is occupied by a black queen, then we find 3 empty squares and next a white Rook and then 2 empty squares, which completes the reading of the top row. The notation being kq3R2, the comma marks the end of the row. The notation for the 2nd upper line is pnpK4, meaning a black pawn, then next a black bishop, next a black pawn, next a white King, then 4 empty squares. The notation for the 3rd upper row is 8. This means all squares across this row are vacant. The notation for the 4th upper row is 4B3, meaning 4 empty squares then a black bishop and 3 empty squares. The notation for the 5th upper row is 3KtB3, meaning 3 empty squares, a white Knight, a white Bishop and 3 empty squares. The notation for the 6th and 7th rows is 8, 8, meaning all squares are blank. Next on the row immediately before you, the notation is Q7, meaning there is a white Queen on the lower left-hand corner and then 7 vacant squares. Now, after reading this, if you succeed in placing the white and black pieces on the board according to the notation given, you will find a simple but interesting two-mover by the CHESS LIFE Problem Editor which may prove of some aid to young composers attempting

If Americanism is victorious in chess, it will also be so in life. For in the idea of chess and the development of the chess mind we have a picture of the intellectual struggle of mankind.

Richard Reti

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

TOURNAMENT NOTES: Gustaf Gustafson, ex-champion of the West Side YMCA and the old Swedish Chess Club, now leads in the annual club championship of the Brooklyn Chess Club. Close behind him are Jack W. Collins and newcomer Moe Osher. Osher, a one-time team-mate of mine in high school days, is my choice to capture the title.

At the Marshall Chess Club, with 3 rounds of play remaining, a scramble for the title will result in a win for Herbert Seidman, Larry Evans, Tony Santasiere or Carl Pilnick. Pilnick, by the way, is also competing for the Manhattan Chess Club title, where he and Columbia College's Walter Shipman started with strong wins—Shipman's against the mighty Alexander Kevitz!

This promises to be New York's most active chess season to date, with the various club tournaments under way and the Metropolitan Chess League and the National Championship zonal preliminaries to begin shortly. Meanwhile, Samuel Reshevsky continues his training for the World Championship Tournament by frequent visits to New York for analysis, consultation and study with the cream of this city's talent. If there's a line or an idea available, Sammy will have dug it up by the time he leaves for Europe. As a wind-up of his preparations, Reshevsky is to conduct a series of exhibition games with Horowitz, Denker, Kashdan and several other top-flight masters.

The New York Stock Exchange, led by Kashdan on Board One, will play the Amsterdam Stock Exchange on Feb. 24. The Dutch, much more avid chess fans, are picked by this columnist to win by a landslide!

For The Tournament-Minded

Note: Entrance fees to the U. S. Championship Preliminary Area Tournaments are uniformly \$5.00 in every Area Tournament to USCF members. (Non-members may participate by including \$1.00 for USCF dues with their regular entry fee.)

February 21-23

Area 5 U. S. Preliminaries
Fort Worth, Texas

Will be played at Westbrook Hotel; write to Frank R. Graves, 202 Farm and Home Bldg., Ninth and Houston, Fort Worth 2, Texas.

February 21-24

Area 3 U. S. Preliminaries
Chicago, Illinois

Will be played at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Write Earl W. Davidson, 44 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. for details.

February 21-28

Area 4 U. S. Preliminaries
Johnson City, Tennessee

Will be played at John Sevier Hotel in Johnson City, Tenn. Write Martin Southern, 201 Realty Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn. for details.

February 21-22

Minnesota State Championship
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will be played in the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club, Lumber Exchange Bldg., Minneapolis. For details write to Carl E. Diesen, 3332 Second Avenue So., Minneapolis 8, Minn.

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Eight pages of CHESS LIFE will cost the reader no more than four. But More Readers mean More Pages. SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

To Be Or Not To Be...

Crusty old Wilhelm Steinitz lived in an era when attacking play was all the rage. Yet he had a fanatical faith in the efficacy of the defense. As he grew older, his stubborn attitude cost him many an irretrievable point; but he never flinched from subjecting himself to tasks which would have terrified lesser—or lazier—men.

CENTER GAME Nuremberg, 1896

White: W. WINAWER
Black: W. STEINITZ

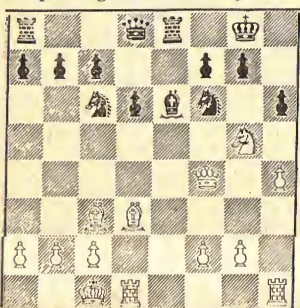
The loss of time this entails has consigned the opening to the same category as the ichthyosaurus.

Steinitz goes for the proffered Pawn although he knows that he will have a difficult time.

9 Bx8 KtP
Bnt not 9 RxP?; 10 BxKt

and wins—
11 Kt-B3
12 Kt-K5
13 B-Q3
14 P-KR4!

Quite right: his material inferiority forbids retreat. Yet Black must play with great care, in view of the menacing way that the hostile pieces glare at his King.



14 Kt-Q4
After 14 P-Kt5, 15 PxP Black would be lost; take this brilliant possibility: 15 Kt-Q4; 16 R-R8ch!, KxR; 17 Q-R4ch, K-Kt1; 18 BxP!, KxB; 19 Q-R6ch, K-Kt1; 20 R-R1 and mate is unavoidable.

15 B-R7ch!
This ingenious move forces Black's reply, for if 15 K-B1; 16 KtxBch, RxKt; 17 RxKt wins.

15 K-R1
Black seems to be in the clear, as he is about to remove White's mighty QB. Winawer seizes his only chance.

16 R-Kt1!
Threatens 18 KtXPch!, BxKt; 19 QxPch and mate next move!

17 P-B3?
Fatigue. He should have broken the attack with 17 RxB1; 18 KtXR, Kt-K4 etc.

18 BxP
20 RxP mate was threatened. (19 QxP?? cannot be played!)

20 P-Kt6!
He has no defense against the coming 21 RxPch! The operation was a great success, but the patient died. Steinitz appraised the attack correctly, but he lost all the same.

ROCHESTER CLUB TAKES REVENGE

On January 11 the Rochester Chess and Checker Club (N.Y.) had its revenge against the visiting Buffalo Chess Club by winning an eleven board match by the score of 8-3.

Rochester Chess	Buffalo Chess
Hierberger	Poppenberg
Marchand	Wilder
Rosner	Smith
Rogan	Davenport
Sullivan	Shea
Hasenwehrl	Hodge
Winans	Recklin
Dinkley	Mary
Candee	Katz
Lazerson	Pesch
Lefferts	Spencer

Rochester 8
Buffalo 3
Boost American Chess!
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THE BIG SNOW DISRUPTS CHESS

Playing schedules of the North Shore (Massachusetts) Chess League have been disorganized by the big snowstorms of the last few weeks, but at the halfway mark the Newburyport Chess Club leads the League with a score of 14-4.

North Shore Chess League	
Newburyport	14-4
Haverhill	11-7
Lynn	9-8
Lawrence	7-11
Salem	7-11

DIRECTING A SWISS TOURNAMENT

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1)

Where it is possible to allow time for adjourned games to be played off, the director may make a "tentative adjudication," enter the "probable result" tentatively on the score-card, and use this as basis of the next-round drawings. Adjourned games should be played off at the first opportunity and the scores corrected, if necessary, as soon as possible.

All adjourned games should be played off prior to the beginning of the final round. Final-round games should be let run until they are finished, if clocks are used; otherwise, a liberal time allowance should be made, in order to make this round conform to earlier ones. If adjournments are permitted, the regulations covering them should be a part of the tournament rules.

One director seeds players, requiring "strong" ones to meet each other in the first round, and thereafter lets the Swiss System operate normally. He believes this allows the equivalent of an extra round without actually playing it. In another meet, a director separated weak and strong players into two groups, then made two rounds of drawings of weak players against strong before allowing the Swiss to operate.

Danger of both these methods is that some supposedly weak players turn out to be exceptionally strong, and that the seeding creates unintentional injustices.

In another meet, a director used four rounds of Swiss to pick four top contestants, who then played a final round robin. This made a seven-round meet, with the premium on play in the final round. In such play, the Swiss scores may be carried over into the final round, or may be discarded, though any such arrangement should be announced in the tournament rules.

Most directors prefer to stick to the straight Swiss but experimentation continues and important modifications may one day result.

The Swiss System has faults. Ties are inescapable. If 13 players meet in a five-round tournament, there are only 11 possible scores: (0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, 5/2), so that at least three of the players must end in ties. In most cases, more than half the entrants will be tied for their positions.

Obviously, all these ties cannot be broken by play-offs.

Another apparently ineradicable disadvantage of the Swiss is that the draw will sometimes give a player relatively weaker opponents through most of the tourney, allowing him a higher score than he would normally have merited. But Championships are not won thus, and any player who comes through a Swiss meet with a title may feel he has acquired it honestly and honorably.

As long as tournaments involving more than eight players must be played off in three days or less, the Swiss System, despite its weaknesses, remains the best method of play.

Best preparation for a director is to sit in, either as assistant or observer, on a Swiss meet being handled by an expert. If this is not possible, the would-be director may be able to persuade members of his club to let him manage a Swiss for them. Such an event can be held over a week-end, or in the course of a series of club meetings though, in the latter case, absences may introduce unusual complications.

Alternately, anyone wishing to direct a Swiss meet but having no opportunity to observe a real tournament, may get at least theoretical knowledge of how one works by conducting an imaginary tourney.

He needs only to equip himself with a pen or pencil, a pair of dice, and a suitable number of index cards (say 13, 15 or 17—an odd number, in order to allow study of the problem of the odd man.) The "director" then makes up the cards as if for a regular tournament, entering on them the names of imaginary players.

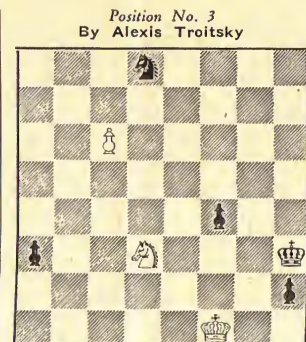
He shuffles the cards and draws them into pairs, assigning opponents and colors for the first round. Give white men to the player first drawn in the pair. The dice are then rolled once for each game. A single die is preferable. Roll for White player; if he gets a 5 or 6, he wins; a 3 or 4, he draws or a 1 or 2, he loses. (In a strong meet, about a third of the games are drawn, the proportion used here).

The score is entered on the cards after each game (each roll of the die). At the end of the round, sort the cards into winners, drawers, and losers, and make pairings for the next round. Proceed similarly through each round of the tournament.

This should familiarize you with the principal mechanical problems of Swiss procedure. Other questions which arise will be those met in ordinary tournaments, with which you likely are already familiar.

KING'S MEN BEST EDISON CHESS

The visiting team of the King's Men Chess Club (Detroit) downed the Edison Chess & Checker Club in a match played at the Edison Co. Service Bldg. on January 9 by

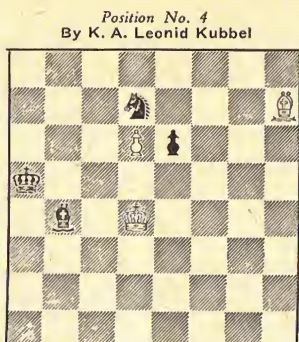


Position No. 3
By Alexis Troitsky
Skt4, 8, 2P5, 8, 5p2,
n2K3K, 7p, 6K7
White to Play and Draw

White To Play And Draw!

Napoleon said that victory was on the side of the biggest batteries; but the endgame composers do not believe in such pessimistic truisms. In Position No. 3 White yields not to the counsel of despair but calls upon a gallant Knight. In Position No. 4 White scorns the mating power of Bishop and Knight.

Solutions will be published in March 5th issue.



Position No. 4
By K. A. Leonid Kubbel
S, 8Kt3P, 8Pp3, K7,
1bK4, 8, 8, 8
White to Play and Draw

HOSPITAL CHESS

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4)

Fluoroscope, a twelve-page hospital monthly which is published by and for the patients of the above mentioned hospitals. For the past five months articles dealing with postal chess, chess openings, essays on chess, and other items of interest to chess fans have appeared in this paper, most of them written by the patients. Now, however, we have exhausted our "talent". Articles on the openings, mid game and end game, chess problems, as well as other facets of chess would be welcome and greatly appreciated. They may be sent to The Editor, The Fluoroscope, Maybury Sanatorium, Northville, Michigan.

The game of chess has greatly helped the patients in many ways. It diverts their minds from their personal worries and has helped fill with positive pleasure the great number of hours of leisure time which they all have. In addition, it acquaints them with a hobby and pastime from which they will be able to derive much pleasure after they are well and have been discharged from the hospital. Finally, it brings together people of similar interests, and lasting friendships are formed.

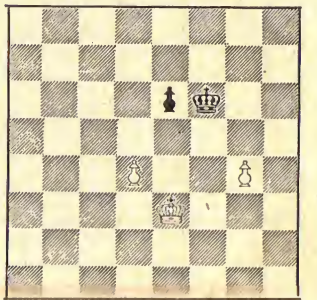
It's A Question

Advice to the Chess-lorn on
History, Laws, Personal Ethics

Question: What is an "outside passed pawn"? Just what does the word "outside" refer to? Outside of what?

J. ASHLER
Philadelphia, Pa.

Answer: Outside passed pawn is a term usually used when each player has one or more passed pawns in an endgame. The term "outside" refers to the pawn most distant from the center of the board (usually a RP, KtP, or possibly BP) and therefore the most difficult for an opposing K or minor piece to stop without yielding up control of the game in the center of the board. Therefore, an outside passed pawn usually wins, either by queening or by luring the defending K from the center of the board, so that a decision may be reached in the center while the K is stopping the outside passed pawn. A simple example is:



Here the White KKtP is an outside passed pawn. If Black plays 1. K-Kt4; 2. K-Q4, K-B3 (if 2. KxP; 3. K-Q5 wins easily); 3. K-B4, K-B2; 4. K-K5, K-K2; 5. P-Kt5, K-B2; 6. K-Q6 wins.

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The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

CHALLENGE TO CHESS PLAYERS by Fred Reinfeld; McKay (\$2.00)

Tired of ordinary Chess books? Like to try something with a problem touch, but not in the classical line of our own Dr. Keeney? Well, your book is here and as usual, written by USCF's Fred Reinfeld and published by McKay. It's "Challenge to Chessplayers" and is certainly that. As a continuation of his "Learn-By-Doing" technique, Reinfeld has focused attention on mate itself, something often surprisingly ignored in master books that advocate resigning on the loss of a pawn, rather than finishing the game for fun in true amateur style. The "Challenge" contains 300 diagrammed positions taken from actual play which breaks into: (1), 36 pretty "mate on the move" problems to train your eye for quick thrusts; (2), 156 combinative two-movers selected to teach theme and idea execution; and (3) 108 masterful three-movers, based largely on attack with the queen and, as the author points out, "truly complicated; a real challenge. The conceptions in many cases are rather subtle for there are misleading lines not quite good enough." All of which teaches the cultivation of attacking skill. Lots of fun, either as study or relaxation.



John D. French

SALINAS DRAWS WITH FRESNO

In a five-board match on January 11 the Salinas (Calif.) Chess Club visited Fresno and played to a draw match with Hart's Cafeteria as the arena.

Fresno Chess	Salinas Chess
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J. Kyndesland	G. B. Oakes
C. W. Bird	F. H. Clark
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CENTER COUNTER GAMBIT

Simultaneous Exhibition
Louisville, 1948Notes by Dr. Max Blum from the
Louisville Courier-Journal

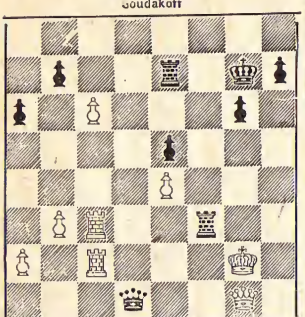
White Black
G. KOLTANOWSKI DR. M. BLUM
1. P-K4 P-Q4 2. PxP Kt-KB3
The usual sequence here is 2... QxP;
3. Kt-QB3, I believe however, that the text
is superior for the simple reason that if
QxP, the Q then loses tempo. A developing
move is inherently stronger.
3. Kt-QB3 KtP-P 5. Q-B3
4. B-B4 P-K3
The Q seems awkwardly placed here and more-
over her move appears premature. It's axiomatic
that her satellites should take pre-
cedence in developing except in very special
positions.
5. QxP-Kt Kt-K3 7. B-B4 B-Q3
Looks good, but it's just an optical illusion.
8. Bxh ch 16. R(1)-K1 P-KB3
9. Qxh Q-K2 17. Kt-Q4 R-KB2
10. Kt-B3 Q-Q2 18. Kt-KB5 QxR
11. KR-K1 P-QK1 19. P-KK3 R-R1
12. B-Q5 B-K12 20. RxR R-B2
13. Q-K4 Pxh 21. R-K3 ch. R-B1
14. QxQ KxQ 22. R-K7 R-B2
15. R-Kt1 QR-QB1 Drawn

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Manhattan Chess Club
Championship Preliminaries, 1947

Notes by Jack Soudakoff

White Black
K. FORSTER J. SOUDAKOFF
1. P-Q4 P-KK1 7. B-K12 Q-O
2. P-QB4 P-KK1 8. O-O PxP
3. Kt-QB3 P-Q3 9. KtP R-K1
4. P-K4 QK1-Q4 10. R-K1 Kt-B4
5. Kt-B3 P-K4 11. P-K13
6. P-KK13 B-K12
Correspondence was 11. P-KR3. It was essential to
prevent... Kt-K15.
11. Kt-K15!
Exerting pressure on both wings and in the center,
with such threats as... Q-B3 and
Kt-B7.
12. P-B3 Kt-K4
13. Threatening... Kt(K1)-Q6.
13. B-K3 P-B4 14. P-KR3
14. P-K1, P(K1)-Q6; 15. K-K2, Rxh wins.
15. P-B5 18. R-Q2 BxP
15. PxP Kt(K4)-Q6 19. Kt-Q5 Kt-K1
16. R-K2 BxKt 20. BxPxKt Bxh
17. Bxh Kt-KB3 21. Bxh Kt-Q2
Black must neutralize the long diagonal of
the B.
22. R-B1 R-KB1 26. Q-B3
23. R-B3 Kt-K4 27. R(K12)-QB2
24. BxKt Pxh
25. Q-QB1 R-B5 28. Q-R3 QR-KB1
Not 28. KtP, RxR; 29. RxR, Kt-K3 ch.
28. K-K12 29. K-K12
Threatening RxP.
29. Q-Q1 31. Q-B2 P-QR3
30. Q-K13 R-K1 32. K-K1 R(K)-K2
Anticipating White's Q-side division.
33. Q-R7 P-B3 35. K-K12 RxP
34. PxP Q-Q8 ch.
Threatening mate in three: Q-B3 ch;
Kt-B7, Q-R6 ch; K-K12, R-B3 mate.
36. Q-K11

After 36. Q-K11
Soudakoff

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36. R-K16 ch. 38. K-R3 QxP
37. RxR QxR ch. Resigns

BLUMENFELD COUNTER GAMBIT

Tennessee Valley Open
Chattanooga, 1947

Notes by Martin Southern

White Black
H. L. MARKS M. SOUTHERN
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. P-QB4 P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3 P-K3 4. P-Q5 Q-B2
3. Kt-B3 P-K14 is more usual here.
4. P-K4 P-Q3 7. PxP PxP
To prevent Kt-Q5.
8. B-K2 B-K2 12. QR-Q1 P-QK13
9. Q-O O-O 13. KR-K1 B-K12
10. Kt-Q5 Kt-B3 14. B-Q3?
11. Q-Q2 R-Q1
Bad strategy in permitting Black to take
control of center.
14. Kt-Q5 16. Kt-K2 P-K4
15. Kt-K1 PxKt 17. P-B3 R-KB1
Black begins to re-marshal his Rs.
18. B-B2 K-R1
Justifiable precaution.
19. Q-Q3 QR-B1 20. B-K13
Not 20. P-QK13 because of Black's P-QK14.
20. Q-Q1 25. B-R4 Kt-B4
21. Kt-K13 Kt-Q2 26. B-K15 Kt-K3
22. Bxh Qxh 27. Kt-K13 P-K13
23. Kt-Q5 Q-B3 28. P-QR3 Q-B3
24. Q-Q2 P-QR4 29. Q-KB2
A dangerous square to occupy in this position.
29. Q-B2
To threaten Kt-B3
30. Kt-K2 Q-B3
To forestall KtP
31. Kt-B1 Kt-B4 32. P-QK14
In utter oblivion to his danger.
33. Q-K12 Kt-K6 35. PxKt PxP
34. R-Q3 Kt-B6 36. QxP Q-K14!
37. QxP(Q6)

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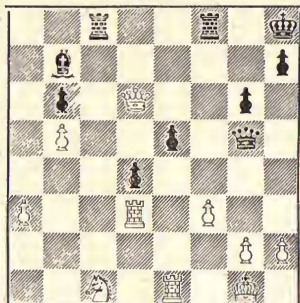
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After 37. QxP(Q6)

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37. RxBP 38. R(3)-Q1
Black mates in two moves.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

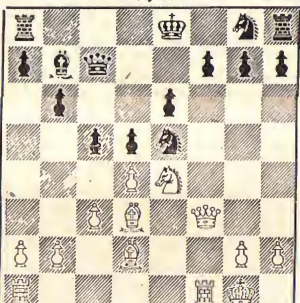
New York, 1947

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White Black
ED. LASKER J. AYALA
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. P-K3 P-K3
This leads to an old-fashioned type of game
in which White can work up a strong at-
tack. More elastic is 2... B-B4 or 2...
P-QB4 or 2... Kt-KB3.
3. Kt-Q2 Kt-KB3 6. P-KB4 B-K2
4. B-Q3 P-B4 7. Kt-R3 P-QK13
5. P-QB3 QK1-Q2 8. O-O B-K12
9. Q-B3 Q-B2 10. Kt-B2 B-Q3
Black is reluctant to castle, for he knows
that... O-O will be answered by P-KK14,
and... O-O by P-QR4.
11. P-K4! BxP?
Bad. The proper course was 11... QxP;
12. KtP, Kt-K1; 13. BxKt, Bxh; 14. Qxh,
O-O and Black's game is quite satisfactory.
12. P-K3! B-K1 13. Bxh Kt-KK1
In return for the sacrificed P, White has ob-
tained a lasting attack.
14. Kt-K4! KtP!

After 14. KtP!

Ayala



Lasker

Relatively best: if 14... PxKt?; 15. QxP ch,
K-Q1; 16. B-K15 shattering Black's posi-
tion.
15. BxP PxKt 17. Qxh R-Q1
16. PxP Bxh
17. O-O-O; 18. B-K15 would also leave
Black's K in a very insecure state.
18. Q-K14 P-K13
An ugly weaker move, but if 18...
QxP; 19. B-R4, Q-B3; 20. B-B7 wins the ex-
change.
19. B-K15 R-Q2 20. QR-Q1!
Of course, White profits by the fact that he
has an extra R in play.
21. RxR RxR 22. Q-R4 ch! Q-B3
21. RxR Kt-K2
There was no defense. If 22... Kt-B3;
22. QxKt ch! wins; if 22... K-B1; 23.
R-R4 ch forces mate.
23. R-Q8 ch Resigns
The Q is lost. A delectable finish.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Open Championship

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Edward J. Korpany

White Black
L. EVANS A. COLON
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. P-K3 P-QK13
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. B-A3 B-K12
3. Kt-QB3 B-K15 6. P-B3 P-K4
Black invites complications by this unusual
move. The main idea is to break up White's
center, but it also has the markings of a
trap. If 7. PxP, Kt-K15 to recapture. But
if White continues with 8. PxKt Black plays
for the KR with 8... BxP, with Q-R5 al-
ways in store for an attack on the E.
White might try 8. P-B4, Kt-KP (not 8...
BxP; 9. QxKt); 9. PxKt, BxP; 10.
O-Kt4, BxR; 11. QxKtP, R-B1; 12. P-K4 with
the intention of trapping the Black QB.
Now Black's check with Q is parried by Q-
R13. In any case a lively game takes place
with White finding it very difficult, if not
impossible, to win the B. He refuses to
take the chance.
7. Kt-K2 PxP 9. O-O P-Q4
8. PxP O-O 10. B-K15
This makes a powerful pin, very difficult to
remove without weakening the K position.
11. Q-Q3 P-Q3
If 11... QxP; 12. BxKt, QxKt; 13. KtQxP
11. BxP
At this point White's position is superior in
spite of the isolated QP. He has a much
wider choice of moves and the KB occupies
a commanding square.
11. Q-K12 12. P-QR3
Evidently played to safeguard the K sq.
for the R. Otherwise the Kt would remain
pinned for some time.
12. B-K2
This B is of no value here and only an ob-
ject of attack through the K-file. Better
was 12... B-Q3 or BxKt and dispose of a
dangerous piece.
13. R-K1 P-KR3
Not only useless, but dangerous.

14. B-R4 P-R3
More to the point. Preparing to dislodge
the B from a very strong post.
15. Kt-B4 B-Q3
Now a little late.
16. Kt-K16
Proving the weakness of Black's 13th move.
16. P-K14
Evidently satisfied to give up the exchange to
rid himself of this thorn in his side.
17. KtR Pxh 19. BxKt
18. Kt-K4 QxKt
Opening the K-file; a dangerous thing when
two Bs are converging on the K.
19. Bxh 20. Kt-K4 K-R1
A sly move.
21. KtP Q-B4
After 21. Q-B4
Colon



Evans

Black hasn't many squares for the Q. But
this one was made to order.
22. Kt-K4?
Acting as though hypnotized, 22. R-R5 ch,
RxR; 23. Kt-R5, B-B5; 24. Q-K2 followed by
R-K and the game belongs to White.
22. B-B5 23. Q-R4? R-KK1
One can almost feel the surge of hope for
victory that Black then enjoyed.
24. Q-K4
This and his previous move are suicidal. With
all four pieces converging on his K his Q
goes fiddling on the Q-side, far, far away
from home.
BxKt 25. Q-K7
Too late for any attack, if that is his hope.
Better was 25. Rxh, Q-KR6; 26. P-KK14,
QxRP; 27. Rxh, QxR; 28. P-KR3, Q-K16 ch;
29. K-B1, QxRP ch; 30. K-R5 and hope to
get a draw. But the White Q and R are
out of play and prospects are very dim in-
deed.
25. RxP ch. 26. K-B1
If 26. KxR there is mate in three: 26. KxR,
Q-K15 ch; 27. K-B1, QxP ch; 28. R-K1,
Q-K17 mate.
26. KxR RxP 28. Rxh R-R8 ch.
27. Q-K8 ch K-K12
There is mate in three with 28. Q-R6
ch; 29. K-K1, R-R8 ch; 30. K any, Q-R7
mate.
29. K-K2 RxR 31. Rxh Q-K17 ch.
30. Q-Q8 Q-R6 Resigns
For the R mates immediately.

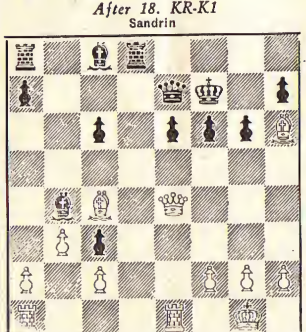
SICILIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Open Championship

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa

White Black
M. ALEMAN A. SANDRIN, JR.
1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtP Kt-B3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. Kt-QB3 P-K3
3. P-Q4 PxP 6. B-K3
Unusual and of doubtful value! Although,
it was played by Kiepech-Fine, USA Cham-
pionship, 1940, B-K2 is better with an early
O-O.
6. B-K15 9. P-K5 P-Q5
7. B-Q3 P-Q4 10. PxKt PxKt
8. Kt-Kt1 PxKt 11. P-QK13 QxP
Black has a P plus but if White plays cor-
rectly not for long. Black also has to watch
that risky Q-side structure.
12. O-O 13. Q-K4?
White misses the boat. P-QR3 is the move.
If now B-R4?? Black loses a piece by Q-R5
threatening mate. If P-QR3, B-K2; 14. B-
Q1 recovers the P with an excellent game.
If Q-R3, B-Q3; 14. BxP ch and in spite of
the Bs of opposite color White has good
winning chances.
13. Q-K2 14. B-K15
Waste of time! A better continuation would
be Q-K4 still threatening that mate and cap-
turing that QRP.
14. B-B3 17. B-QB4 K-B2
15. Q-K4 P-K13 18. KR-K1
16. B-KR6 R-Q1
After 18. KR-K1
Sandrin



White should get that R! before it is too
late. Undoubtedly he did not anticipate
Black's next move.
18. Q-R4
Excellent! If White wants the exchange,
Black will be left with two Bs and the extra
P with a fine P structure.
19. QR-Q1 B-K12 21. B-B4 K-K12
20. Q-B3 QR-Q1 22. BxR
White has not any good move, so he decides
to take the exchange. This seems fatal as
those P's will be irresistible.
22. BxP 26. Q-Q3 Q-Q3
23. R-B3 P-K4 27. B-B3 Q-R3
24. B-R6 ch. K-K1 28. QxQ
25. Q-Q3 P-Q5

Forced!
26. BxQ 30. PxP PxP
27. R-K1 31. K-R1
Those Black Bs are so strong that White
cannot move anything without getting at-
tacked by them. So White marks time.
31. B-K2 32. P-QR3 B-Q3
Black cannot take the P because of R-R1 los-
ing a piece.
33. P-R3 R-K3 36. B-B1 Kt-K12
34. B-K15 B-KB1 37. QR-K1 B-K12
35. R-K4 P-R3 38. K-K1
White decides to give up a P for one of
those strong Bs but it is too late.
38. BxR 41. K-K2 R-B3
39. Rxh K-K2 42. P-QR4 K-Q4
40. K-B2 K-Q3 43. R-K4
The White K cannot even protect the R on
account of R-B7.
43. P-K5 47. B-B8 P-KR4
44. R-B4 P-K4 48. P-KK14 PxP
45. RxR BxR 49. PxP B-B5
46. B-R3 B-K4 50. B-R3 P-Q6 ch.
Resigns
For 51. PxP, P-B7 and White would have to
give up the B for the queening P. A well
played game by Black.

FRENCH DEFENSE

City Championship Tournament
Sacramento, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

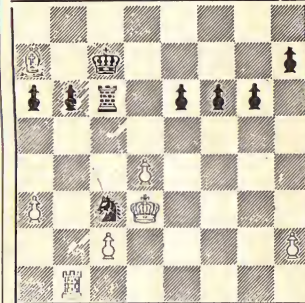
White Black
N. T. AUSTIN M. O. MEYER
1. P-K4 P-K3 3. Kt-Q2 PxP
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
Customary here is 2... P-QB4, giving
Black an isolated P in return for an easy
development. The position after the text
can also be reached in the normal French:
1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. Kt-QB3,
PxP.
4. KtP Kt-Q2 6. B-KK15 B-K2
5. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 7. B-Q3
7. RxKt is usually played to avoid the line
which Black now adopts to win a P.
7. Kt-K1 9. BxQ KtP!
8. Bxh KtP 10. BxP KtP!
This is why 7. B-Q3 was unsound.
11. B-K4 Kt-B3 13. RxKt P-QK13
12. R-QK1 Kt-B4 14. Kt-Q2 Kt-B6
Far better than 14... Kt-K1. The win
is by no means easy because of the Bs of
opposite colors.
15. Kt-B3 B-K12 16. K-Q2
This should have been tried two moves
earlier. Now Black eliminates the opposi-
te colored Bs and isolates a White P as well.
16. BxKt 18. B-Q6
17. Pxh QR-B1
White gives away a tempo or two hereabouts,
18. K-K5 is correct.
18. K-Q2 19. B-K5
Perhaps he feels that this creates a weak-
ness. Actually 19... P-B3 is a position-

ally proper move for Black since it helps
control the Black squares and so hinders
the action of White's B.

19. P-B3 22. R-K14 Kt-Q4
20. B-K13 R-B5 23. RxR RxR
21. P-QR3 KR-QB1 24. B-B2 R-B6
Now a second P falls and Black can win
without any trouble.
25. P-KK1 P-K13 29. B-R7 K-B2
26. R-QR1 RxP 30. R-QK1 R-B3
27. B-K13 R-B6 31. K-Q3 Kt-B6
28. B-K18 P-QR3

After 31. P-QR3, Kt-B6

Meyer



Austin

This wins slowly. Black could win a piece
by 31... Kt-K12; 32. P-B4, Kt-K2.
32. BxP ch. Rxh 36. P-B4 P-B4
33. RxR KxR 37. K-K3 P-R5
34. KxKt P-K4 38. K-B3 P-K15 ch.
35. K-Q3 P-KR4 39. K-B2
If 39. K-B4, P-K16?; 40. PxP, P-R6; 41.
K-B3. But after 39... K-B3; 40. P-R4,
P-R4; 41. K-K3, P-K16; 42. PxP, PxP; 43.
K-B3, P-B5; 44. K-K12, K-Q3; 45. K-B3, P-K4;
46. P-Q5, R-B4; 47. K-K12, P-K5, etc.
39. P-B5 43. K-K1 P-K16
40. K-K2 P-R6 ch. 44. PxP PxP
41. K-B2 K-B3 45. K-R1 K-Q3
42. P-R4 P-R4 46. K-K1 P-K4
Resigns.

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Chess Life Poll Gives One Answer

CHESS LIFE COUNTS VOTES; FINDS READERS SATISFIED

Questionnaire Shows 82% of Readers Approve Present CHESS LIFE Policies

By William Rojans

Responding enthusiastically to the questionnaire published in CHESS LIFE on December 20th under the heading "Our Own Quiz Program," readers of CHESS LIFE have indicated without reticence their individual preferences; and the sum and total of their replies adds up to a continuation of present CHESS LIFE policies with certain minor modifications.

It has been generally established that in a "preference survey" a return of one percent, if distributed equally over all the territory covered, will reflect a clear and accurate picture of reader reaction. CHESS LIFE with the unusual response of two and one-half percent of its readers, geographically distributed from the Atlantic Seaboard to the Pacific with Northern and Southern sections equally represented has received an exceptionally clear analysis of reader reaction.

In such a survey it is usually customary to discount to a degree the critical and adverse comments upon the basis that the reader who is dissatisfied is much more apt to write his views than one who is satisfied with conditions as they are. But the CHESS LIFE survey has had the rare result of receiving such a predominant number of returns from readers who desired no radical changes while expressing preferences for certain types of articles and features, that this usual discounting of adverse comment has been unnecessary, and the percentages cited in this article reflect the actual percentages of the returns without the use of any discount factor.

Foreign Chess News Wanted

Principle change desired by the readers on the basis of the returns was the publishing of some foreign chess news in a brief form covering the more important foreign chess events. Most readers voiced dissatisfaction with the daily press in its treatment (or lack of treatment) of chess news abroad; and also complained that the news came too slowly in monthly chess publications. They asked CHESS LIFE to furnish the brief flashes on current news, leaving to the monthly chess publications the duty of reporting the fuller details.

Bowing to the mandate of its readers, CHESS LIFE has arranged for foreign chess news under the able editorship of George Koltanowski, former Belgian Champion and World-famous Blindfold Expert, whose first column appears in this issue.

In answering Question One, 82% of CHESS LIFE readers (on the basis of returns) indicated complete satisfaction with the present general format and policy of CHESS LIFE; 18% indicated dissatisfaction, expressing a desire for a publication of the magazine type to compete with existing monthly chess publications.

On Question Two the voice of the readers was unanimous that CHESS LIFE could be improved (a view shared by the Editor); but 12% of the readers confessed in their questionnaires that they could offer no concrete ideas for improvement.

General suggestions for improvement of CHESS LIFE in answer to

Question Three ranged from detailed ideas on procuring better coverage of local chess and club news to the using of larger type. Some readers demanded more news items and fewer features; others more features and fewer news items. Several suggested more space to cover everything pertaining to chess including detailed analysis of openings, etc. There was a demand for fuller annotations of games and less news; and a vote for more club news with fewer annotated games. Some wished more problems; others insisted that the problem corner be abolished. There were several suggestions for a section dealing with end-game positions (a want that CHESS LIFE has recently undertaken to fill); and several readers requested a change in format to permit easier filing of copies for future reference.

Order of Preference

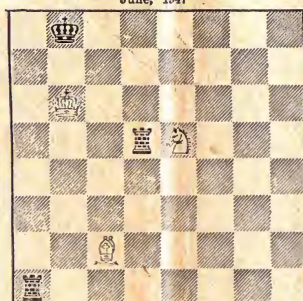
The order of preference for various features in answer to Question Four revealed some surprising and odd valuations. Almost every feature received at least one vote for first place, and every feature without exception received several zero grades from readers who found their chess interest aroused by other items.

Running close together, and far ahead of the rest of the field, were Tournament Life and Chess For The Tired Business Man, showing that annotated games remain the principle yen of most chess readers. Somewhat behind these, but with a commanding lead, was the Editorial in a surprising third place, for it is the jest of newspaper men that readers skip the editorials. And just a few votes behind was Chess Life in New York.

A little behind these and by itself was "Who's Who in American Chess" — another surprise, since the kindred "Men Who Work For Chess" only earned an eighth place (possibly there was a confusion here). Then grouped together, with only a vote or two between each one, were Problems of Chess Life (a new column which has hardly yet had time to establish a clientele), Readers' Road to Chess, Men Who Work for Chess, and Under the Chess-Nut Tree (what happened to my readers?).

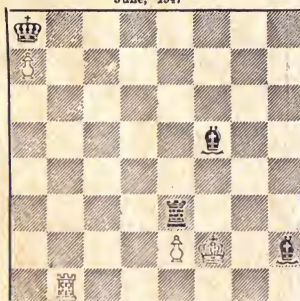
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Position No. 5
By H. Rinck (Badalona)
"L'Echiquier de Paris"
June, 1947



1k6, 8, 1K6, 8Kt5, 8, 8, 2B5, 17
White to Play and Draw

Position No. 6
By L. Prokes (Prague)
"L'Echiquier de Paris"
June, 1947



k7, P7, 8, 6b2, 8, 4r3, 4PKb, 1R6
White to Play and Draw

White To Play And Draw!

Ingenuity saves many a lost position; and in these examples White recognizes the fact that a reduction of the pieces on the board may assure a draw by leaving Black not enough force to mate against his remaining strength. The problem is how and when to force the needed reduction.

Solutions will be published in the March 20th issue.

TEAM LINED UP FOR AMSTERDAM

The American line-up of the Stock Exchange team which faces the Amsterdam Stock Exchange via radio on February 14th has been set as follows:

1. I. Kashdan, Jacques Coe & Co.
2. E. Schuyler Jackson, Penington, Collet & Co.
3. Herbert W. Marache, Granberry, Marache & Lord.
4. Jacob Menkes, Wood, Walker & Co.
5. Sol Ramehm, Sulzberger, Granger & Co.
6. Julius Hollenau, Hayden, Stone & Co.
7. Donald Hart, Stokes, Hoyt & Co.
8. Joseph O'Reilly, New York Stock Exchange.
9. James Linberg, Neuloezer & Berman.
10. Howard Hamerslag, Hamerslag, Borg & Co.

Alternates are Eric Hassberg of H. Hentz & Co.; Jacques Coe of Jacques Coe & Co.; and Alfred E. Toune of Salomon Bros. & Hutzler.

Dr. Euwe, former World Champion, and I. A. Horowitz, co-editor of Chess Review will adjudicate all games. Hans Kmoch, well-known international player, will represent Amsterdam in New York, and Mr. J. J. Van Weering will appoint a Dutch representative in Amsterdam to represent the American team.

26 ENTRIES SET FOR U. S. PRELIM.

In Area Seven (New York) the U. S. Championship Preliminary Tournament opens with a strong field of 26 entries, including former U. S. Open Champion Anthony E. Santasiere. According to Chairman Harold M. Phillips, the entries are: Donald Byrne, Jeremiah F. Donovan, Sidney Bernstein, P. B. Banister, Irving Heitner, George Kraemer, George Krauss, Sol Weinstock, Herbert A. Avram, Arthur Bisguier, P. J. Brandts, Marcel Duchamp, Larry Evans, Jacob Feldman, Myron Fleischer, H. M. Phillips, Carl Plink, Dr. J. Platz, Bertram Ross, A. A. Rothman, A. E. Santasiere, George Shainswit, Walter Shipman, Jack Soudakoff, Abe Turner and George R. Traver.

H. KMOCH FINDS CLEVELAND TOUGH

In a thirty-one board simultaneous under the auspices of the Ohio Chess Ass'n at Cleveland on January 25, Hans Kmoch, the Viennese master, found Cleveland the toughest spot he has encountered and yielded six losses and three draws — more than twice his usual allowance to the opposition. Victors were T. Ellison, R. Sachs, R. G. Morrisette, L. Friedman, G. Miller and E. Melwald, while H. Miller, A. Robbeto and W. Granger drew the master.

Sensational was the eight-move victory of Ohio Champion Ellison who caught the noted annotator and analyst napping in a wild French as follows: 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. Kt-Q2, P-QB4; 4. Kt-B3, PxQP; 5. KtxP, PxKP; 6. QKtxP, Kt-KB3; 7. B-KKt5, Q-R4 ch; 8. B-Q2?, Q-K4! and White resigns.

SEDALIA JOINS CHESS PARADE

Chess enthusiasts in Sedalia (Mo.) have organized a chess club with Mrs. Wm. Woods as secretary. Mrs. Woods enjoys the unique distinction of being the only lady solver of the Problems of Chess Life. The club has taken a flying start in persuading a Sedalia newspaper to grant them regular space for a chess column, including the diagramming of a problem.

ISAAC KASHDAN REPRESENTS U. S. IN ZONE TOURNNEY

As winner of the 1947 U. S. Open Tournament and as runner-up in the 1946 U. S. Championship Tournament, Isaac Kashdan has been designated by the USCF as the U. S. representative in the Zonal Tournament at Stockholm this summer.

GOOD DEED CALLS, AIDING ROMMIG

As related to USCF Vice-President Paul G. Giers by Hans Kmoch.

Hermann Rommig, age 70, is a really noble character who lost everything in the war; his house by bombing, his wife by madness (caused by the war), his son who died in active service a few days before the war ended.

Rommig was treasurer of the Deutsche Schachbund until the Nazis took over in 1933, founding the Grossdeutsche Schachbund. They displaced Rommig, knowing that he was strongly anti-Nazi. I met Rommig several times in 1934 during the second Alekhine-Bogoljubov match and learned his anti-war opinions.

During the war Rommig (a veteran of the first World War) was stationed in Holland for a time doing auxiliary service. He visited me frequently in my Amsterdam home and I saw that his anti-war feelings had grown. We listened together to the B.B.C., etc. Once, reading some death announcements in a German newspaper, each ending with the sentence "He died for the Fuhrer," Rommig told me that what worried him the most about his son (who served in the Luftwaffe) was not that he might die, but the possibility that someone might put in a newspaper "He died for the Fuhrer."

"Should this happen," said Rommig, "I'll go back and shoot the man responsible for such a dishonoring lie."

If there is anyone in Germany deserving relief, it is this noble gentleman, Hermann Rommig. His old friend, Jacques Mieses, 8 Fitzjohn's Ave., London N.W. 3, England, would cordially confirm this.

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MARSHALL CLUB SET FOR HAVANA

In the pending radio match between the Marshall Chess Club (N. Y.) and the Capablanca Chess Club (Havana) to be played on February 15th, Team Captain Edward Lasker has announced the following lineup for the Marshall team: S. Reshevsky, Milton Hanauer, Dr. E. Lasker, H. Seidman, A. E. Santasiere, L. Evans, S. Pilnick, J. F. Donovan, Dr. A. Mengarini, C. F. Rehberg, N. Halper and Mrs. Mary Bain of Miami. Mrs. Bain will play against Seniorita Maria Theresa Mora, Cuba's woman champion.

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WE NOTE WITH PLEASURE

IT WAS with pleasure, mingled perchance with a touch of chagrin, that we have noted in the January issue of Chess Review the excellent summary of national and international chess events compiled by Jack Staley Battell. The chagrin, we confess, comes from a wounded ego at being beaten to the goal by our energetic contemporary, for such a summary has long been in our mind.

We therefore commend Chess Review upon the general excellence of this compilation of facts, recognizing that in the compiling went many hours of careful checking. It is not, therefore surprising that a few omissions and one error appear in the text, for it would be miraculous if the list were perfect. May we suggest the addenda: Orlando Lester as New Hampshire Champion, R. Coveyou as Tennessee Champion, J. L. Sheets as Washington State Champion to complete the listings; and note that the Champion of Minnesota is George S. Barnes and not Dr. Giles Koelsche. Barnes lost a challenge match and the title to Koelsche early in 1947 but regained it in the State Tournament.

It might be also noted that while Washington State won from British Columbia early in the year, in a return match at Blaine, Washington, British Columbia had its revenge by a score of 16½-11½; while in fairness to our Puerto Rican neighbors it should be reported that Puerto Rico won the first radio match with Chicago, although it lost the return engagement as listed.

WE ASK ADVICE, BUT WE MEAN APPROBATION

THE XVIIIth Century sage and cynic, Caleb Charles Colton, has remarked that we ask advice, but we mean approbation. Such, however, was not the intention of "Our Quizz Program" as published in the issue of December 20th. That its result in the final analysis was approbation, is very gratifying; but we learn our errors from criticism and not from praise.

Therefore, we must take time to thank those readers who have found the time to indicate the matters they dislike, as well as to express our thanks to those who gave us such a satisfying vote of confidence in expressing their approval of CHESS LIFE.

We know that it is humanly impossible to please all readers, and that the attempt to do so, would end in pleasing none. But guided by the criticism and praise alike, we will endeavor to shape the policy of CHESS LIFE to please as many divergent tastes as we can, trusting that those minorities whose wishes we must neglect will forgive us for the necessity in knowing that their views were appreciated and studied even if circumstances made those views ineffective.

Montgomery Major

ALLEN G. PEARSALL

IT IS with great regret that we must report the traffic death on New Year's Day at 9:00 p. m. of one of the eldest (70 years of age) members of the Correspondence Chess League of America and the San Diego Chess Club. When the accident occurred, he was returning home after a pleasant evening of chess at the San Diego Chess Club.

Besides being a strong club player, the best in San Diego for more than 15 years, Allen G. Pearsall was nationally known as one of the leading correspondence chess players, the winner of many prizes in this field. The San Diego Chess Club is to have his prizes and chess library as a permanent memory to one of its greatest members.

Allen G. Pearsall was so well liked by everyone that he never lost either the regard or friendship of anyone who ever knew him. As a player he was so courageous and optimistic that these were undoubtedly major factors in his winning of so many chess games. Those who knew and played against him, will miss the cheerful and sure touch that he imparted in every game he played.

For A Chess Scrapbook

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ADVISES THE PLAYER

If your adversary is long in playing, you ought not to hurry him, or express any uneasiness at his delay. You should not sing, nor whistle, nor look at your watch, nor take up a book to read, nor make a tapping with your feet on the floor, nor with your fingers on the table, nor do anything that may disturb his attention. For all these things displease; and they do not show your skill in playing, but your craftiness or your rudeness.

Benjamin Franklin

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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CHESS LIFE

TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Compose a sound direct mate two-move problem, free of duals in main variations, the key of which simultaneously unpins two black pawns, permitting each unpinned pawn two distinct moves with separate and distinct white mating moves.

Composers may submit entries, not to exceed two, up to June 10, 1948 to Problem Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 East 7th Street, Newport, Ky., who will act as judge of the contest and award the composer of the best version with a free year's subscription to CHESS LIFE. Since the task conditions are very restrictive, it is anticipated that similar versions may be submitted. Should this occur, the prize will be awarded the composer whose entry antedates the others.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Query: How does the Grasshopper of Fairy Chess move?

Answer: When I assumed the Editorship of this column I made a firm resolve to publish and discuss only orthodox compositions but in view of the fact that considerable interest has been manifested by my readers in the action of Fairy Chess pieces, I am compelled for this time and this time only, to relent and not only explain the action of the Grasshopper but to diagram a problem that reveals its actualities (See Problem No. 16). The Grasshopper is shown on diagram as an inverted Queen. It moves diagonally, horizontally and vertically one square beyond the nearest piece of either color. It depends on another piece for its mobility. For example in Problem No. 16 the Black Grasshopper on K8 can move to K16 the Black Grasshopper on R2 to K16; the White Grasshopper on R1 to R1 or R8; the Black Grasshopper on K16 has no moves.

EARLY AMERICAN PROBLEM HISTORY

There is no record of any chess problems composed in America prior to 1845. The earliest American chess composition was that of Charles Henry Stanley's, printed in The Spirit of the Times in New York, 1845. An original problem of Stanley's printed in notation in his initial column, March 1, 1845, was the first to be published in this country. The first diagrammed to appear was likewise published also in The Spirit of the Times June 20, 1846. It was a four move direct mate composition by I. Knous. The position in Forsythe notation is as follows: 8. 2P5. 2P5. 3. 3p1p1p. 1PksIR1B, P4PP1, 3K4.

In 1846 a magazine, The Chess Palladium, was published. In 1847 a second one, The American Chess Magazine, made its appearance. Both were short lived. A demand for columns and magazines was increasing but the spirit to endow them with vitality and create a wider reading public was lacking until the appearance of the chess prodigy, Paul Morphy, at New York in 1857.

Then Morphy's sweeping successes in vanquishing all the chess champions of that period, created an interest in the game, which indirectly led to a new awakening interest in problem solving and composing and a great spread of chess columns; which problems required before they could be widely studied. In 1857 Daniel Willard Fiske with the collaboration of Morphy published The Chess Monthly which flourished for five years.

The year prior to the advent of The Chess Monthly, 1856 a chess column was printed in the New York Clipper under the guiding hand of one of the best loved of all American chess editors, Miron James Hazeltine, born 1824, died 1904. This celebrated column was in existence for almost fifty years.

The most noted young problematists at that time (to mention only a few) were J. A. Potter, Sam Loyd, E. B. Cook, T. M. Brown and G. A. Cheney.

Potter for one year conducted a chess column in The American Union. He died at the age of 21. Nearly 60 of his problems may be found in American Chess Nuts. For the publication of this famous problem book in 1868, which was planned nine years earlier and its appearance delayed by the Civil War, problem lovers are indebted to the efforts of Cook, Loyd, W. R. Henry and C. A. Gilberg.

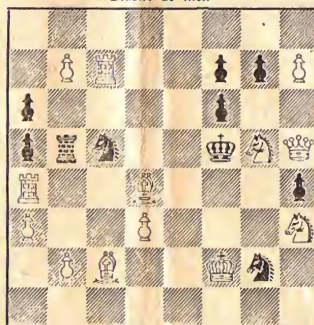
This remarkable book of problems contains 2406 problems, the largest parade of composing efforts ever to be revealed in a single volume. Two hundred and thirty-one distinguished composers' names are presented, of whom a group of seven contributed slightly more than half of all the problems. The publication of this volume in 1868 summed up problem composition in this country up to that date and definitely closed the period from the launching of Fiske's Chess Monthly to the end of the Civil War.

I am indebted to E. W. Allen of Newtonville, Mass. for the data used in this article and his kindness in permitting me to use same is greatly appreciated.

Problem No. 15

By C. B. Cook
Dallas, Texas

Frontispiece: To Alain White
Black: 10 men



White: 13 men

S. 1PR2pp, p4p2, pr2K5Q, R2B3p, P2P3S,
1PB2K4, 8

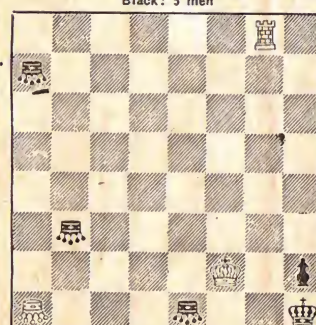
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 16

A Fairy Chess Creation

By Dr. P. G. Keeney (Newport, Ky.)
and P. L. Rothenberg (New York)

Chess Review, December, 1943
Black: 5 men



White: 3 men

6R1, g7, 8, 8, 8, 1g6, 5K1p, G3g2k
a) As set, White to play and mate in two moves.
b) Substitute White Grasshopper for White Rook and again White mates in two moves.

The above problem (No. 15), which was the frontispiece in a book, To Alain White, an appreciation tribute to Mr. White by numerous Please Turn to Page 3, Column 3.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

IF Sammy Reshevsky doesn't learn how to handle his time-clock, he may well provide a nation of supporters with a disappointing result in the World Championship Tournament. In each of the three important exhibition games he has played in the past few weeks, he has been plagued by his old enemy—time pressure. Although there is no doubt that he is as fine a player under pressure as lives today, we must remember that no one can give a Botvinnik or a Keres the advantage of half an hour in a crucial situation.

Even the American masters have learned this at last. Kashdan, in a game marked by fighting tactics on both sides, came within a hair of drawing a difficult ending, but faltered towards the end. Denker and Horowitz were more successful and each of them defeated the national champion. Denker, opening with an original line against the Two Knights Defense, beat Reshevsky (for the first time) after the champion made a second-best move with seconds to go. Horowitz came through with a simple attack which caused Sammy's resignation after 26 moves. All in all, this has been a most disappointing preliminary for an attempt at the world title!

Young Arthur Bisguier has climbed to the lead in the Manhattan Chess Club Tournament. At the Marshall's, Larry Evans and Herbert Seidman will undoubtedly finish as winner and runner-up. To quote Mrs. Caroline Marshall, "Larry shows even more promise than Reuben Fine did when he was a Junior player here!" What next, young Larry—the finals of the U. S. Championships?

Club Chapters

Chartered During January

Charter No. 174

San Pedro Chess Club
San Pedro, California

President.....H. D. Heyer

Charter No. 175

Bridgeport Chess Club
Bridgeport, Connecticut

President.....Austin MacGregor

Vice-President.....Leon M. Bellows

Secretary.....Henry G. Simpson

Treasurer.....Charles Franz

Charter No. 176

The Lookout Chess Club
812 Georgia Avenue
Chattanooga, Tennessee

President.....Arthur G. Brading

For The Tournament-Minded

March 27-28

Kentucky Junior Championship
Louisville, Kentucky

Will be played in Louisville; entry fee .50c; age limit 21 years old; for details write to J. Mayer, 233 East Madison, Louisville 2, Ky.

CHESS GIFT AIDS VETERAN PROGRAM

The splendid gift of a collection of over 10,000 printed chess games in clipping form for distribution among the wounded veterans playing chess in the USCF "Chess for Veterans" program comes from Daniel P. Sailer of Philadelphia according to an announcement by USCF Chairman S. S. Keeney.

This material will be used both in correspondence and visitation with the veterans, and be distributed among those with the time and desire to improve their own chess by playing over games.

Genius In A Garret

"No man-but a blockhead," said Dr. Johnson, "ever wrote except for money." By the terms of this definition, poor Zukertort, who is said to have died of "malnutrition," was indeed a blockhead. Yet the name of Zukertort will always remain an unforgettable synonym for elegant attacking play. When he was still a pupil of Andersen, he beat his great teacher in the following fashion:

RUY LOPEZ Breslau, 1865

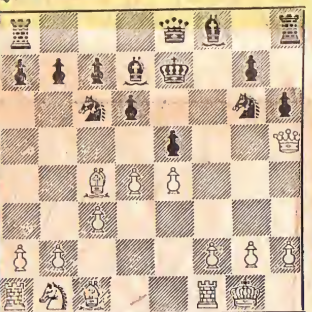
White
1. ZUKERTORT P-K4
2. Kt-KB3
3. B-K15
The Cozio Defense, recommended for a time by Steinitz. It cramps Black's game excessively.

Black
A. ANDERSEN P-K4
Kt-QB3
Kt-K2
4. P-B3
5. P-Q4
6. O-O
7. Kt-K15
True to his style, Zukertort loses no time in playing for the attack.

8. Kt-K15
9. B-B4
The art of defensive play was still a mystery in those days. Steinitz would have played 7 Kt-R4— or 7 B-K2; 8 Q-R5, BxKt; 9 BxB, QKt-K2 with a cramped but fairly defensible game.

10. Kt-K15
11. Q-R5
Black caves in. 9 P-Q4 would have forced White to work harder to demonstrate the soundness of his sacrifice, the main line being 10 PxB, Kt-Kt1; 11 Q-R5, B-Q3; 12 B-Q3, Q-B3; 13. PxB, BxB; 14 P.KB4 with a winning attack. Or if 9 K-K1; 10 Q-R5, Q-B3; 11 P-KB4 with a powerful game.

12. BxP
13. Q-B5ch, K-K2; 14 Q-K6 mate!



11. Q-Kt5ch!!
12. BxP mate!
Probably the most devastating win ever achieved against a great master.

HYDE PARK WINS SECTION TITLE

Hyde Park Chess Club is victor in the City Division of the Greater Chicago Chess League Team Tournament, while Austin Chess and Hawthorne Chess remain tied for the title in the Suburban Division. Final winner in the Suburban group will meet Hyde Park for the League Championship.

City Division	Matches	Points
Hyde Park Chess	3-1	11
Chicago Chess	2-1	9
Ill. Inst. of Tech.	13-15	11
Reynolds Chess	0-4	4
Suburban Division	Matches	Points
Austin Chess	3-1	15
Hawthorne Chess	3-2	15
Irving Chess	2-2	10
Ogden Chess	1-3	7
Electro-Motive Chess	0-4	6

MEMORIAL WINS HUDSON CO. TITLE

In a closely contested team tournament by the margin of one game Memorial High School of West New York emerged as champions in the Second Annual Inter-scholastic Hudson County Chess League meeting at the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club, which sponsors the event. Charles Selinski and Sydney Kreitzberg lead in the individual scoring of the team to take the Paul Helbig trophy away from last year's champions, Demarest High School.

Hudson County Championship		
Team	Matches	Games
Memorial High School.....	3-1	15-5
Demarest High School.....	3-1	14-6
Bayonne High School.....	0-4	1-19

CHGO. TEAM HOLD LIGHTNING MEET

The annual team 10-second tourney of the Greater Chicago Chess League was held on January 25 at the Chess Club of Chicago. Five teams of six men each participated.

Teams	Matches	Points
Hyde Park Chess	3-1	31
Austin Chess	3-1	30
Chess Club of Chicago	3-1	27
Irving Chess	1-3	20
El-Og-Ha Composite	0-4	10

The El-Og-Ha team was composed of top board members from the Electro-Motive, Hawthorne and Ogden Chess Clubs. In the individual scoring, top man for each board was as follows, with the curious fact that the top team, Hyde Park, had no individual winner.

Player	Club
E. Michelson	Chess Club of Chgo.
P. Adam	Austin Chess
R. Hildebrandt	Austin Chess
J. Novak	Austin Chess
G. Odell	Chess Club of Chgo.
C. Stocker	Irving Chess

READER SURVEY

Continued from Page 1, Col. 2. Close behind these came the Guest Editorial and The Kibitzer, while the infrequent It's A Question ran a poor twelfth with only a 10% approval of its existence.

In tabular form, the rank of features in Question Four were:

1. Tournament Life	2. Chess For The Tired Business Man	3. Editorials	4. Chess Life In New York	5. Who's Who In American Chess	6. Problems of Chess Life	7. Reader's Road to Chess	8. Men Who Work For Chess	9. Under The Chess-Nut Tree	10. Guest Editorials	11. The Kibitzer	12. It's A Question
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The answers to Question Five were easier to evaluate and the vote gave a clear indication that more news of National Chess Events was a definite desire of the reader together with an increase in annotated games, while otherwise the desire was to maintain the status quo on other items.

In tabular form the results were:

Club News and Local	Per Cent	Same More Less None
News	40	26 15 9
News of National Events	33	67
Annotated Games	45	50
USCF News	30	26 14
Special Features	60	23 13 4

Approve Editorials

In answer to Question Six regarding the Editorials in CHESS LIFE, the surprising total of 84% approved a strong and vigorous editorial policy such as has been maintained in the past with critical comment when necessary. In equal division 3% voted for light and opinionless editorials, and 3% for no editorials at all; while 10% expressed no opinion on the subject. Of the 84% that voted for vigor in editorials a little less than 3% disapproved of certain specific editorials while applauding a policy of continued vigor, leaving 81% of the total vote as unqualified in its approval of the editorial policy of CHESS LIFE. Of this 81% a little better than 3% expressed specific approval of the more drastic editorials that have appeared in CHESS LIFE.

In the second part of this Question Six, 74% of the returns requested coverage of foreign chess news in brief, particularly of the more important events, and 26% expressed a desire for CHESS LIFE to restrict its field to covering the American scene.

Perhaps these percentages and their indication are not satisfactory to every reader. CHESS LIFE remains interested in the reader's viewpoint, and it is not too late for any reader to submit an answer to the questionnaire published in CHESS LIFE on December 20th.

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF CHESS by Irving Chernev; McKay (\$2.00)

It may not help you win the club championship, but if you're looking for real fun in chess (and a few good stories and games to you life of the chess party), send off a fast letter to the USCF Service Department for "The Bright Side of Chess" by Irving Chernev, the "believe-it-or-not" man of chess, which David McKay, Philadelphia, has just published.

Irving dips into his many notebooks, (he has one each for bright games) pretty problems, jokes, immortal games and a few other chess high spots), to pull this pleasant volume together. Ever hear the story of Rubinstein in time pressure?; Anderson in a strange town?; Steinitz and his many schmoos? Ever see the "five immortal classics of chess", the "ten best modern brilliances"; have you tried "magic in the end game" (such as the position where a Rook pins a Bishop that pins a Bishop that pins a Rook that pins a Rook!) or try a few problems that include such novel twists as selfmate or "maximum chess" or maybe you'd like a few Epigrams of the past greats to spice your conversation or try some of Irving's 57 truly "bright games", all quite short. Oh, yes, it has the solutions in the back. It's all loads of fun and a perfect gift item for the man who "just doesn't need another chess book".

PROBLEMS OF CHESS LIFE

Continued from page 2, Col. 2.

problem friends in commemoration of his 65th birthday, March 3, 1945, was composed by C. B. Cook (not E. B. Cook, as incorrectly appears in the volume) of Dallas, Texas, now residing at Forth Worth, Texas. E. B. Cook, the renowned composer to whom the problem was incorrectly credited, was the Editor of that great problem work, American Chess Nuts, and the builder of many fine chess compositions. A collection of his works, published in 1926, containing his entire output of problems, 650 in all, has been jestingly called the "Cook-book of Chess."

E. B. Cook passed to the Great Beyond in 1915. C. B. Cook, the actual author of the above creation, also a composer of merit, is still alive and advised me, oddly enough, that he will be 65 next October 10. The problem is an orthodox creation but features and outlines the number 65, a type of problem indirectly referred to in my article of a few issues ago under the heading: "Some Generalities About Problems."

Solutions

The solution to Problem No. 11 is: 1. Sd4 with threat of 2. Se4 mate. If 1... Sb6; 2. Pk3. If 1... Re3; 2. Pk4. If 1... Pd4 (Q or R); 2. Qc2. If 1... Pd(S); 2. Qb1. In the variation 1... Sb6; 2. Pk3 the S move is a black "interference" of the B on a7 while the 2. Pk3 is referred to as a "shut-off" since it shuts off the Black B on b7 from capturing the White R on e2. 1... BxP ch. is answered by 2. RxB. A pretty and pleasing problem.

The solution to Problem No. 12 is: 1. Qb4 with a double threat of 2. Sf4 and Se7. Key is a neat triple Q sacrifice. From my viewpoint the double threat is a bluish. Black's defenses consist of 1... Q or R Bxh1; 1... QxPch. Respective mating moves by White are: 2. Sfs, Se7, Sd4 and Se7. If 1... Kx7; 2. Sf4 administers mate discovering ch. from White B on b4.

Solver list arrived too late for inclusion in this issue.

DOWNTOWN Y DRAWS LOG CABIN CHESS

Sallying forth to York (Pa.) on February 7-8, the Downtown Y Chess Club of Pittsburgh drew with the ever-dangerous Log Cabin Chess Club of New Jersey, and then bested the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster (Pa.). In the match with Log Cabin victory was in sight until at 3:30 a. m. the 17-year-old Paul Dietz faltered with a win in sight and let exhaustion rule a draw.

Downtown Y	Log Cabin
W. M. Byland.....1	J. Fancher.....1
F. A. Sorenson.....1	F. K. Howard.....1
R. R. McCreedy.....1	A. Rothman.....0
P. L. Dietz.....1	T. E. Knorr.....1
W. R. Hamilton.....0	A. Bozcar.....1
Downtown.....2	Log Cabin.....2

Downtown Y	Red Rose Chess
W. M. Byland.....1	M. Paul.....1
F. A. Sorenson.....1	Krugner.....1
R. R. McCreedy.....1	M. McDivitt.....0
P. L. Dietz.....1	T. Eckenrode.....0
W. R. Hamilton.....1	Logue.....1
Downtown.....3	Red Rose.....1

HOUSTON DOWNS CORPUS CHRISTI

In a hectic match of large proportions the Houston Chess Club bested the Corpus Christi Chess Club at Victoria, Texas, by the score of 18-10 in the first overboard match since the two ham radio contests in which each club gained one victory. Two sessions were played, and the following score does not indicate pairings.

Houston Chess	Corpus Christi
M. R. Smith.....13	Homer Faber.....1
C. E. Merchant.....0	Oran Heath.....1
Robert Brieger.....1	M. Heath.....1
Dr. L. J. Spivack.....1	Conrad Hoover.....1
C. Byström.....13	Harry Graham.....1
C. H. Smith.....2	A. C. Roach.....1
E. C. McDonald.....0	J. A. Creighton.....1
J. Armstrong.....1	A. J. Gierd.....1
H. McCleary.....13	E. P. Weaver.....1
Dr. A. B. Strozler.....1	Grady Goin.....0
Amos Sweet.....1	Dr. John Leach.....0
Aaron Paul.....1	J. C. Nichols.....0
J. P. Boatner.....1	T. J. Weigand.....1
Frank Sparks.....1	C. M. Mitzner.....1
S. Smith.....2	E. C. Vogt.....0
Paul Gauthier.....0	
Lynn Yarbrough.....0	
Houston.....18	Corpus Christi.....10

BEST BUY IN CHESS IS CHESS LIFE.

MT. LEBANON HIGH RETAIN CHAMPION

Repeating last year's success, Mt. Lebanon High School (Pa.), won the Championship of the Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess League in a double-round playoff match on January 31 after winning the championship of the Section II division of the League.

Led by veteran schoolboy Herbert Hickman, the winning team all wore bright red sweaters and their tendency to mutter cryptic comments regarding such unintelligible names as Makaganov and Botvinnik are said to have led the Pittsburgh City Council to investigate the dangers of a communistic uprising among the younger citizens.

ELMIRA BEATS ENDICOTT-JOHNS'N

On January 31, the Elmira (N. Y.) Chess Club defeated the visiting Endicott-Johnson Chess club by a score of 6-1.

Elmira Chess	Endicott-Johnson
R. Fitzgerald.....1	R. Allen.....0
A. Piper.....1	S. Hannus.....0
L. Davis.....1	A. Darling.....0
L. Kilmer.....1	A. Darling.....0
H. Hart.....1	J. Hannus.....0
S. Smith.....0	F. Andrews.....1
L. Clark.....1	K. Allen.....0
Elmira.....6	Endicott.....1

YOUNGSTOWN WIN OVER FIRESTONE

Smarting under three previous defeats the Youngstown Chess Club braved 15 inches of snow to invade Akron and inflict defeat upon the Firestone Chess Club by a score of 7-2.

Youngstown	Firestone
Peter Lozano.....1	E. Slater.....1
Joseph Kraja.....1	A. E. Plueddemann.....1
M. McKinney.....2	J. Chirich.....0
C. Strauss.....1	G. Crombie.....0
C. Strauss.....1	D. Hockenberry.....0
George St.....1	A. J. Keller.....0
M. Antunovich.....1	E. C. Roberts.....1
Youngstown.....7	Firestone.....2

Boost American Chess! JOIN THE USCF

Chess Life Abroad By George Koltanowski

The Pan-Slavic Tournament, Moscow

ORGANIZED in memory of the 40th anniversary of the death of the great champion and Russian patriot, Michel Ivanovitch Tschigorine (born in St. Petersburg, October 31, 1850; died in Lublin January 25, 1908) this international tournament, the first in the U. R. S. S. since the 1938 Moscow Tournament, obtained a remarkable success. The struggle was breathtaking with each round; and two rounds before the final, after the 13th round, Botvinnik who in the morning had lost his first (and only) game of the tournament (against Pachman) was leading with 9½ points, followed by Keres who had 9 points and up to then had only lost one game (against Ragozine). They were followed by four others in a group: Boleslavski, Kotov, Ragozine and Smislov, all with 8½ points. Any of these could still gain first place!

In the 14th round (December 19) the two great rivals met. The tournament hall, the corridors, the balcony, in short the whole block was filled with excited spectators. The auditorium was sold out and mural boards were displayed all over the place!

Keres, very optimistic, started off with 1. P-Q4. After a short moment Botvinnik replied with 1... P-K3 inviting his opponent to a French Defense of which he is a great "coinnoiser". After 2. Kt-KB3, he played P-KB4, his other specialty the Dutch Defense. The game was very exciting and was adjourned with a pawn advantage

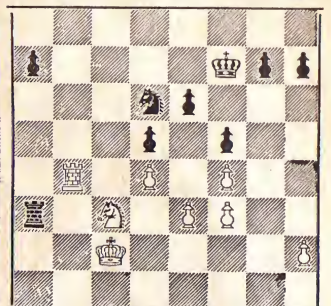


Diagram 1

for Botvinnik (See Diagram 1). The game was continued next day and after another 10 hours of play adjourned for a second time (See Diagram 11), and soon after that Keres resigned in a hopeless position.

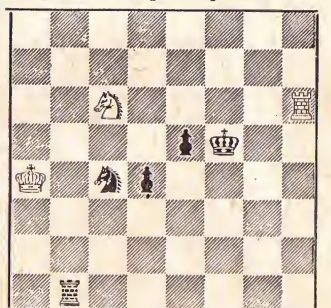


Diagram 11

In the last round a short played game (the shortest of the tournament) against Trifunowitch (13 moves to be exact) ensured Michal Moissejewitch Botvinnik of the first prize.

Obligated to play for a win in his last game (against the new champion of A. R. S. Novotelnov) Keres brought in a lot of complications—of which he fell a victim himself, and tied for sixth and seventh place with Novotelnov! The last named and the benjamin of the Please turn to Page 4, Col. 5)

Friday, February 20, 1948

QUEEN PAWN OPENING

Intercollegiate Individual Championship, New York, 1947

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White
1. RUBIN (Syracuse Univ.)
2. P-Q4
3. P-Q4
4. Kt-B3
5. P-K4
6. P-K4
7. B-K5
8. B-K2
9. Q-Q
10. Q-Q
11. B-K3
12. B-K3
13. P-B5
14. P-B5
15. P-K3
16. Kt-Q1
17. B-B1
18. R-R1
19. R-R1
20. Kt-Q1
21. Kt-Q1
22. Q-Q2
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Black
1. RUBIN (Syracuse Univ.)
2. P-Q4
3. P-Q4
4. Kt-B3
5. P-K4
6. P-K4
7. B-K5
8. B-K2
9. Q-Q
10. Q-Q
11. B-K3
12. B-K3
13. P-B5
14. P-B5
15. P-K3
16. Kt-Q1
17. B-B1
18. R-R1
19. R-R1
20. Kt-Q1
21. Kt-Q1
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After 26. P-B4!
Traibush

Rubin
After the prosaic 26. B-B3; 27. Kt-K3 (27. Kt-K3 loses a piece), QxP! Black has won a P. But the move chosen shatters White's game.
27. Q-Q1
This is forced. For instance, if 27. Q-Q3, Kt-K3; 28. QxKt, QxP! ch; 29. K-R1, B-B3 wins a piece.
27. Kt-Q1
And now Black gets his P and an easily won endgame in addition. White cannot reply 30. Kt-R4 because of 30. BxP and 31. B-K6 ch.
27. Kt-Q1
If 32. B-K7, B-B7 wins the Kt. White is helpless.
33. P-R3
34. P-R4
35. B-K2
36. B-B3

SICILIAN DEFENSE

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White
1. TREYMAN (New York Academy)
2. P-K4
3. Kt-B3
4. P-Q4
5. Kt-B3
6. P-K4
7. B-K5
8. B-K2
9. Q-Q
10. Q-Q
11. B-K3
12. B-K3
13. P-B5
14. P-B5
15. P-K3
16. Kt-Q1
17. B-B1
18. R-R1
19. R-R1
20. Kt-Q1
21. Kt-Q1
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19. R-R1
20. Kt-P
21. P-B3
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After 37. P-R4
Kowalski

Treisman
34. P-Q5
35. P-Q5
36. P-Q5
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QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

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Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White
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3. P-Q4
4. P-Q4
5. P-Q4
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After 19. P-B4
Lasker

Hermann
New Black gets rid of his backward P.
20. Q-R1
After 20. QxP White has nothing to worry about, i.e. 20. QxP, PxP; 21. PxP, Q-Q5 (not 21. QxP, Q-Q5; 22. P-K6!); 22. P-Q3 with probable draw.
21. P-Q4
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Solutions:
End Game Positions 1 and 2
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No. 1 by H. Black—1. R-R7 ch, K-K3;
2. R-R7, Kt-K1 ch. (if 2. R-R7, Q-Q1 ch;
3. R-B8, QxKt; 4. R-S-B6 mate.); 3. R-B8
Q-K6 ch; 4. K-R8, Q-B6 ch; 5. Kt-K5 ch
and mate in two moves.
No. 2 by H. Black—1. Kt-B4 ch, K-K4;
2. P-R8(Q), P-K5(Q); 3. Q-Q8 ch, K-R5;
4. Q-R7 ch, Kt-K4; 5. Q-K6 ch, K-R5;
6. Q-R6 ch, K-K6; 7. Q-R3 ch, K-B7; 8. Q-K2
ch, K-R5; 9. Q-K1 ch, K-R7; 10. Q-Q3 mate.
If 2. R-B6 ch; 3. K-Q8, P-S5(Q); 4. Q-K8
ch, K-R5 (if 4. K-B8; 5. Q-B8 ch, etc.);
5. Q-R7 ch, K-K4; 6. Q-R6 ch, K-R5; 7.
Q-R6 ch, K-K6; 8. Q-R3 mate.

Black now threatens P-KR8, exchange of R and R-B5.
24. KR-Q1 P-B3 25. P-R3 P-KR3
26. PxP QxP 27. P-K15 K-B1
It is imperative to play the K over to the center.
28. P-R5 P-K14 31. R-Q R-B4
29. Q-Q2 R-R7 32. R-QK4 K-K2
30. QxR QxQ 33. P-K16!
Apparently White is playing for a win which, however, seems unjustified as the K is too far away from the place of action. 33. K-B1 was indicated.
33. P-R5 P-K14 34. PxP R-B8 ch
35. K-R2 R-B1 36. K-K1?
More drawing chances gave 36. P-K17, R-Q1; 37. R-K16, etc.
36. P-R5 P-K14 37. R-Q R-B8 ch
37. K-B1 R-QK1 38. R-R1 ch. K-B7
38. P-R4 K-B4 45. Q-B3 K-K4
39. R-K13 R-R7 46. R-B8 R-K17 ch
40. R-KB3 P-B5 47. K-K1 K-K5
41. PxP P-R5 48. R-KB8
42. P-K13 R-K15
If 48. R-K8 ch then K-R6; 49. R-B7, R-K8 ch;
50. K-Q2, R-K8 ch wins.
49. R-K8 ch. K-B6
Win the P by force.
51. K-Q1 R-R7 60. R-KR7 P-Q7
52. K-K1 R-K7 ch. 61. R-QB7 R-B7
53. K-Q1 R-QR7 62. R-QR7 R-B3
54. K-K13 P-K6 63. R-R1 ch. K-B7
55. R-K8 ch. K-Q6 64. R-R2 ch. K-B8
56. R-K7 P-B6 65. R-R1 ch. K-B7
57. K-B1 K-Q7 66. R-KR1 K-B8
58. K-B2 K-Q8 ch. 67. R-R2 R-K8
59. KxP P-Q6 Resigns

FRENCH DEFENSE

Oklahoma State Championship Tulsa, 1947

Notes by Gene Page
White
1. ROZSA
2. P-K4
3. P-K4
4. P-K4
5. Kt-K3
6. P-K4
7. P-Q4
8. P-K4
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Black
1. MAYFIELD
2. P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3
4. PxP
5. P-K4
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After 43. K-B3
Mayfield

Rozsa
44. R-K7 R-B1 ch. 46. R-K7 ch. K-R3
45. K-Q3 K-K1? 47. K-K4 R-KB1
The attractive looking 47. R-Q1 threatening to Q the Black P on the following move would be futile because: 48. R-R7 ch R-R7; 49. P-S5(Q) ch, etc.

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White
1. JOACHIM
2. Kt-KB3
3. P-K4
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The attractive looking 47. R-Q1 threatening to Q the Black P on the following move would be futile because: 48. R-R7 ch R-R7; 49. P-S5(Q) ch, etc.

Chess Sets For Sale
Closeout sale! Fine quality wooden sets—loaded, felted, in all sizes—master—club—small club. All Staunton design. Two ivory sets of superior quality. Two genuine Jacques Staunton small club sets. Selling chess sets has been a hobby with me—now I don't have the time. These sets are priced below cost and all are new! Write for a complete list. This material absolutely must be sold. You will never have such an opportunity again. George Wentz, San Marcos, Texas.

CHESS LIFE ABROAD

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tournament, Chomloff, were the revelations of this tournament.
In a Radio-Moscow talk Botvinnik declared he was satisfied with his sportful result but not of his play which at times "lagged" in being interesting.
"As to me," said Botvinnik, "I'm satisfied in winning one year."
Here are the final standings:
1. Botvinnik 11 pts; 2. Ragozine 10½; 3. 4. Boleslawski and Pruslow 10; 5. Kotow 9½; 6. 7. Keres and Novotolov 9; 8. Pachman (Czecho-Slo.) 8½; 9. Trifunowitch (Yugo-Slo.) 8; 10. Gligorich (Yugo-Slo.) 7½; 11. Bondarevski 6½; 12. Chomloff 5½; 13. Kottbauer (Czecho-Slo.) 5; 14. Plater (Poland) and Sokolski 4; 16. Zvetcoff (Bulgaria) 2 pts.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:
In answer to the comments in the Kibitzer by "A Reader" in the January 20 CHESS LIFE, I would like to point out that this unofficial computation of the problem world championship is not 100% perfect, but it is certainly not "completely fallacious".
While it is true that tournaments vary greatly in importance, only such tournaments were considered for computation which were thoroughly international in character, in which composers all over the world had a reasonable chance to participate. Of course in a Finnish tourney there would be more Finnish competitors than in an American tourney, and in an American tourney the majority of entries would be by Americans.
By including small, as well as large tournaments in the computation, the approximately correct average was found. All first, second and



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Puerto Rico Crowns New Champion

**COLON WINS IN PUERTO RICO;
BENITEZ SECOND IN TOURNEY**
*Rafael Cintron Unseated As Champion
After Reign of Twenty-Three Years*

Miguel Colon, who placed in a tie for second with A. C. Margolis at the Yankton (S.D.) International Tournament in 1946, was crowned the new Champion of Puerto Rico to end a reign of twenty-three years by Rafael Cintron. Yielding only one draw, Colon placed first by a point and a half over the runner-up, Francisco Benitez who scored 6-2 in the tournament. Third place went to the new champion's younger brother, Arturo Colon, with a score of 5-3, while Hector Vissepo placed fourth with 4½-3½ and the former champion Rafael Cintron fifth with 4-4.

Of the players in this first Open Tournament for the Championship of Puerto Rico, the leading five have participated in tournaments in the United States, Cuba, Panama and Colombia. The former champion Rafael Cintron placed sixth at Yankton ahead of L. Marquez of Colombia and Averill Powers of Milwaukee. At the 1947 Open Tournament at Corpus Christi Arturo Colon placed ahead of such well-known players as Steinmeyer, Evans and Dr. Edward Lasker, while Hector Vissepo in the same tournament outdistanced such players as Byland and Poschel. In the radio match between Puerto Rico and Chicago Benitez and Rojas

served on the team that won and lost in a two-round match.

Puerto Rico Championship	
Miguel Colon	7½-3½
Francisco Benitez	6-2
Arturo Colon	5-3
Hector Vissepo	4½-3½
Rafael Cintron	4-4
Luis Rojas	3½-4½
Orlando Pla	2½-5½
Francisco Prieto	2-6
Jose Berrocal	1-7

Plans of the San Juan Chess Club as an aftermath of the Tournament include the staging of an International Tournament in July with masters invited from the U. S. and Cuba. The last such event was held in 1936 with Marshall, Kashdan and Dr. Seitz participating. Plans are also being laid for a radio match either with a New York or Havana chess club.

Not A Dutch Treat As Amsterdam Wins Radio Match From N. Y. Stock Exchange

Battling valiantly the team of the New York Stock Exchange went down to defeat by the narrow margin of 5½-4½ in their radio encounter with the powerful Amsterdam Stock Exchange team which has already taken the measure of the London Stock Exchange chess players.

The match was played by radio teletype and the opening ceremonies included the making of the first move on Board One by Howland S. Davis, Executive Vice-President of the New York Stock Exchange, while Carol F. Overhoff, President of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, played the first move for Board Two in Amsterdam.

In New York the well-known International master Hans Kmoch represented the Dutch team while in Amsterdam G. W. J. Zittersteijn was representative for the American team, Nelson Hogenauer, assisted by Frederick Wernet, both of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., acted as directing officials, while M. Peckar of the Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger and Miss A. S. Raettig made the moves for the Dutch team and handled the clocks.

Play began at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:10 p.m. Hallgarten on Board 6 resigned. Shortly thereafter draws were offered and accepted on Boards 1, 7, and 5 by Kashdan, Hart and Raunheim: At midnight three games were still in play with Schuyler Jackson on Board 2, Herbert Marache on Board 3 and Jacob Menkes on Board 4. At 1:00 a.m. Jackson accepted a draw; and at 1:30 a.m. it was decided to adjudicate the two remaining games. In the absence of Dr. Eluwe in Amsterdam and I. A. Horowitz in New York, both teams agreed to accept the judgement of Hermann Helms, dean of American Chess. He adjudicated a win for Jacob Menkes and a loss for Herbert W. Marache to complete the match.

Considering the strength of the Dutch team, N. Y. played well.

New York		Amsterdam	
1. Kashdan	3	T. D. van Scholt- inga	3
2. S. Jackson	0	H. Kleefstra	3
3. H. W. Marache	0	U. Craibendams	3
4. Jacob Menkes	1	W. C. A. L. Muller	0
5. Raunheim	0	J. Kempes	3
6. Hallgarten	0	J. Ph. Gronman	1
7. Hart	3	C. L. C. Decker	3
8. O'Reilly	3	J. J. van Weering	3
9. Linburn	3	F. van Setten	3
10. Hamerslag	3	J. Meijer	3
New York	4½	Amsterdam	5½

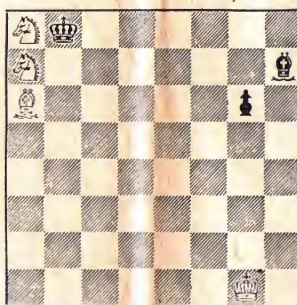
GRANGER WINS IN JUNIOR SPEED

At Cleveland William Granger of the Pawns Chess Club won the Cleveland Junior Transit Championship at the Treasure Room of the Cleveland Public Library by the score of 12-1, losing only to George Miller. A close second was James Harkins with 11-2, losing to Granger and Harold Miller.

Cleveland Junior Rapid Transit	
	Score
Granger	12-1
Harkins	11-2
H. Miller	10-3
R. Sachs	10-3
L. Friedman	9-4
G. Miller	9-4
Zachlin	7-6
Pollak	6-7
Leggon	5-8
Buchovecky	4-9
Latnik	3-10
Peck	3-10
Goldberg	2-11
Sandberg	0-13

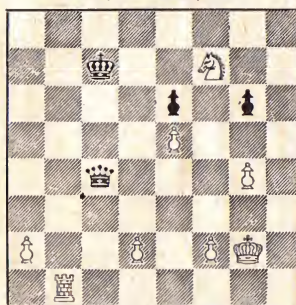
R. G. Morrisette, director of junior chess, was referee.

Position No. 7
By Saul Segenreich
Revista Romana de Sah, 1947



SK6, S6b, B5p1, S, S, S, S, 6K
White to play and win.

Position No. 8
By A. A. Troitzky
Nowoje Wremja, 1897



S, 2K52, 4p1p1, 4P2, 2p3P1, S, P2P1P1, 1R6
White to play and win.

White To Play And Win!

Bishop and Knight mate if the offending Black Pawn and Bishop can be erased in Position No. 7; a Pawn queens in Position No. 8 if the Black Queen can be traded for Rook and Knight. The objectives are simple—the tactics not quite so obvious; but White (if he knows how!) plays and wins.

Solutions will be published in the April 5th issue.

Herman Holenweg Wins 7th Grand National Correspondence Chess Championship

Title of U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion went to Herman Holenweg, skilled machinist of Milwaukee, Wis. for his victory in the 7th Grand National Correspondence Chess Championship Tournament, conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America, affiliate of the United States Chess Federation.

Play in this annual event began for the 7th Grand National on September 15, 1939 and Holenweg (who began his career in CCLA Chess the same year) lasted through the ensuing years of competition with the remarkable record of no losses and four draws. In his CCLA career he has won 38 games and draw 5 without a loss.

Herman Holenweg, born January 8, 1902, learned to play chess at the age of 26 and for many years played in the famous Milwaukee City Championships before venturing in correspondence chess circles. His record for the 7th Grand National is as follows:—

Round One
Defeated, D. E. Donaldson (Cleveland, O.) H. L. Atlee (LaCrosse, Wis.), Dr. T. J. Hayes (Cleveland, O.), B. Weaver (Dayton, O.).

R. H. Sprow (Eucyrus, O.) and drew F. M. Hudson (Hammond, Ind.). Final score 5½-½.

Round Two
Defeated Samuel Ernst (Tiffin, O.), A. G. Marshall (Lisbon, O.), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.), Walter Heyn (LaCrosse, Wis.); and drew F. Johnson (Rocky River, O.). Score 4½-½.

Round Three
Defeated Dr. H. M. Stevenson (West Hartford, Conn.), Sven Brask (Attleboro, Mass.), Sam Bass (Washington D.C.), Ted Loos (So. Ozone Park, N.Y.); drew Walter B. Suesman (Cranston, R. I.). Score 4½-½.

Round Four
Defeated Kris N. Pedersen (Minneapolis, Minn.) and drew G. J. Moore (Billings, Mont.). Score 1½-½ in a tie for first place.



Herman Holenweg

Play-Off Round
Defeated G. J. Moore in all four games. Score 4-0.

Presentation of the Henry D. Hibbard Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the U. S. Correspondence Chess Championship will be made in Milwaukee in the near future with USCF Director Fritz Rathmann of Wisconsin acting as master of ceremonies and USCF President Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. making the presentation upon behalf of the CCLA.

POSCHEL, SANDRIN TOP AREA 3; JANES, WEBERG WIN AREA 5 Two Preliminary Tournaments Qualify Three For U. S. 1948 Championship Finals

In the weekend of Washington's Birthday, three Area Tournaments were played to qualify entrants in the U. S. Biennial Championship Finals, and reports from two of these meets show Paul Poschel, Illinois Junior State Champion; Albert Sandrin, Jr., Illinois State Champion; and Bill Janes of Texas the three players qualified in Areas 3 and 5 to enter in the U. S. Championship.

In Area 3 fourteen contestants engaged in a lively battle to fill two places in the Finals. Among the contenders were Wisconsin State Champion Richard Kujoth, Nebraska State Champion Alfred Ludwig, Illinois State Champion Albert Sandrin, Illinois Junior Champion Paul Poschel and Dr. Bruno Schmidt of Detroit. The veteran Lewis J. Isaacs of Chicago and W. Rohland, who played in the 1946 Masters Reserve Tournament were

also among the contenders. By the fifth round Albert Sandrin was leading the field with 4½-½, having drawn with Dr. B. Schmidt in the third round. Close on his heels was Paul Poschel with 4-1, losing to Sandrin in the second round. Still in the running were Angelo Sandrin (Albert's brother) and Dr. Bruno Schmidt with 3½-1½—Angelo losing to Ludwig in the first round drawing

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Brief Flashes!

From News Room

MARSHALL VICTOR

By the comfortable margin of 7½-4½ the Marshall Chess Club (N. Y.) defeated the Havana Chess Club in twelve board radio chess match.

NEW MINN. CHAMP.

William R. Jones wins 1948 Minnesota State Championship with score of 19½. Dave Eliason was second with 19, and former champion George S. Barnes third with 18½.

MARY BAIN SIMUL.

Playing 25 boards simultaneously at the St. Petersburg Chess Club, USCF Director Mary Bain won 14, lost 6, and drew 4 games.

KY. HAS 'EM YOUNG

Larry Helms (11) bested Kentucky State Champion Jack Moyse in his simultaneous exhibition at the Louisville Chess Club. Larry is coached by veteran Jackie Mayer (15).

CLEV'D GRAPHITE

Victory in First Division of Cleveland Industrial League went to Cleveland Graphite Bronze with a score of 5-1. Second place is subject to a playoff between Thompson Products Co. and Lubrizol Corp. with 4½-1½ each.

The Second Division title is still in play with several contenders for the crown.

AT YALE & TOWNE

Repeating his victory of a year ago, O. Nietzsche retained the championship of the Yale and Towne Chess Club by a score of 5-0 in a Swiss Tourney refereed by Penn. State Sec'y, Walter Hall. F. Bennett was second with 4-1 and R. Cahill third with 3-2 in a tie with J. Lepkowski, also 3-2.

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UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

(Monthly Letter No. 51)

By Elbert J. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

THE 1948 General Assembly of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) will be held in Stockholm, August 11 to August 15. The USCF was very effectively represented at the 1947 General Assembly at the Hague by Paul G. Giers, our Executive Vice-President, and it is most important that we be represented again this year. Our active participation in the meetings of FIDE is as necessary with respect to chess as is our participation in the United States Organization on world affairs generally.

Also at Stockholm, July 15 to August 15, there will be the Interzonal Tournament to qualify candidates in connection with the World Chess Championship. Isaac I. Kashdan, whose long and brilliant national and international tournament record includes winning the USCF Open Championship Tournament at Corpus Christi last summer and placing second in the United States Championship Tournament at New York in 1946, has been selected to represent the United States Zone in the interzonal play.

The attendance of our delegate at the FIDE Assembly and of our representative in the Interzonal Tournament entails an expense in excess of \$2,000. This sum can easily be raised if every chess fan in the United States will cooperate. As a matter of fact, the fund will be subscribed if every USCF member will contribute only one dollar to it. Larger donations, however, will also be gratefully accepted.

It is necessary to make travel reservations immediately, and I am therefore asking your cooperation by supporting this project at this time, even though the event itself is still a few months away. Whether your contribution is one dollar or more, please send it to Edward I. Treend, USCF Secretary, 12869 Strathmoor Avenue, Detroit, 27, Michigan.

Mr. Giers who has handled our affairs with the international body so capably, will again be our delegate to the FIDE Assembly. In the event, however, that either Mr. Giers or Mr. Kashdan should be unable to make the trip, a substitute delegate or interzonal player will be selected.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

NIMZOVICH THE HYPERMODERN By Fred Reinfeld; McKay (\$2.00)

Continuing his "Wizards of the Chess Board" series (first one was Botvinnik), USCF's Fred Reinfeld has followed his monumental work on "My System" by Nimzovich with a logical successor. It is "Nimzovich the Hypermodern," published by David McKay, Philadelphia.

There is no doubt that the "stormy petrel" of chess revolutionized modern master chess. His thoughts on the game, his style and "system" of play did much to make the game even more popular and certainly much more attractive to play and watch.

Fred starts the collection of 58 sharply annotated games with a "B" tournament effort of the mighty German in 1906, earliest known game of Aron, and ends with a slick 31-move QGD in Stockholm in 1934. Most of these games, all of which are quite short, did NOT appear in the revised edition of "My System" published by McKay last year. In the few cases where the games appear for the second time, the notes have been expanded and changed to present the hypermodern concepts in a different light so that the truly serious student can delve to the depths of analysis. The notes preceding each game give a key to the high points of the contest. Then too, these notes hide little gems of chess history and wit. The book is designed for effortless study and make pleasurable reading both for those who do and those who don't know Nimzovich.



John D. French

THE habit of caution is best acquired by observing strictly the laws of the game, such as, "If you touch a piece, you must move it somewhere; if you set it down, you must let it stand"; and it is therefore best that these rules should be observed, as the game thereby becomes more the image of human life, and particularly of war.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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CHESS LIFE

TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Compose a sound direct mate two-move problem, free of duals in main variations, the key of which simultaneously unpins two black pawns, permitting each unpinned pawn two distinct moves with separate and distinct white mating moves.

Composers may submit entries, not to exceed two, up to June 10, 1948 to Problem Editor, CHESS LIFE, 123 East 7th Street, Newport, Ky., who will act as judge of the contest and award the composer of the best version with a free year's subscription to CHESS LIFE. Since the task conditions are very restrictive, it is anticipated that similar versions may be submitted. Should this occur, the prize will be awarded the composer whose entry antedates the others.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

Today I introduce a feature that I hope I will be able to continue at irregular intervals. Some time ago I conceived the idea, with a view to lightening my labor as P. E., of having articles occasionally from internationally renowned authorities and expert problem builders, whom I proposed to invite as guest writers. I believe that such articles would prove not only instructive but entertaining and also grant my readers a much needed rest from the literary style of ye Problem Editor.

In keeping with the idea, I contacted Eric M. Hassberg, expert master problem composer and former Problem Editor of The Chess Review and The Chess Correspondent. (Note: the problem department in the latter magazine has just been discontinued to the great disgust and dissatisfaction of problem lovers everywhere.) Mr. Hassberg's reaction to my suggestion that he become the first guest writer to contribute an article to CHESS LIFE's problem column was favorable, as can be judged from his article which I have the pleasure to publish today.

Problem No. 17

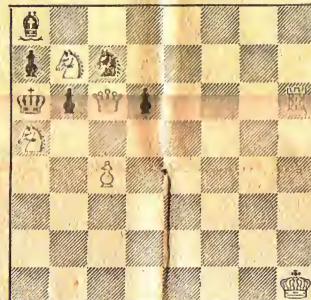
By Eric M. Hassberg

Second Prize

Meredith Tourney, 1941-42

The Chess Correspondent

Black: 6 men



White: 6 men

b7, pSc5, kpQxR, N7, P5, S, 8, 7K
White mates in two moves.

Problem No. 18

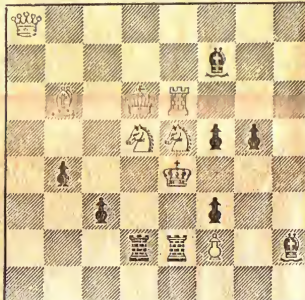
By Eric M. Hassberg

First Prize

69th Dutch Theme Tourney

1946

Black: 10 men



White: 7 men

Q7, Sb2, hHKR3, S8S8p1, 1p2k3, 2p2c2, 3p1f4, 8
White mates in three moves.

The Problems of Chess Life offered today are contributions to the column by Eric Hassberg of New York whose original article about winning prizes follows the problems. Read Mr. Hassberg's article for an explanation of the problem strategy. The fine Problem No. 18 is the first three-mover to appear in this column.

HOW TO WIN PRIZES IN PROBLEM TOURNEYS

By Eric M. Hassberg

Since I had the good fortune to come out on top of the world's chess problem composers in the last tabulated year (1946)—see CHESS LIFE of October 20, 1947—and won 124 honors, among them 54 prizes, 20 of them first prizes, in the last seven years, an average of better than every third competing problem honored, I think it may interest my readers, as well as budding problem composers, to learn something about the secret of winning in problem contests.

Of course a problem has to be good by all standards which are given in almost every book on problems for beginners. But a good problem will not always win prizes, unless of course it is of the "all-time-great" class, of which even the best composer makes only a few in his life time. One of the secrets is: Know your judge, the man who decides whose problem is best. Since judges are only human, they have widely varying tastes and preferences. In three-move and longer problems, for instance, judges in Bohemia, Sweden, England and a few other countries prefer model mate problems, and one just must not waste other types of problems there. On the other hand, model mate problems without much strategic content will never get you anywhere in Holland, Hungary, Italy and many other countries.

Then again, there are judges, mostly in the older age group, who definitely prefer well worked examples of otherwise well-known and even old-fashioned ideas to striking original, if less artistic problems. Younger judges, and among them I myself, definitely place originality in idea and treatment first, though of course artistry is important, but cannot always be achieved in highly complex ideas. Then there is a definite tendency among judges to overrate problems of the type they are particularly interested in at the moment, showing themes that happen to be in vogue, and neglecting superior examples of other themes. In informal tourneys, where the judge knows the identity of the composers, there is always the danger that he will favor subconsciously famous composers, the honoring of whom will not subject him to unfavorable criticism, etc. Moreover, in some European countries in particular, it is virtually impossible for a foreign entry to win a high honor.

Of the two problems below, I want to give you my idea of what I consider a good problem, and why. The two-mover which was my first American tourney entry, and was adjudged by nobody else but Please Turn to Page 3, Column 3.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

New York City has just witnessed two interesting, although predictable, radio chess matches, with Reshevsky and Kashdan heading the American line-ups. Reshevsky, playing first board for the Marshall Chess Club in the match they won from Havana by 7½-4½, managed to draw a game marked by original play on his part and a sound defence by his Cuban opponent. This match, by the way, was played from 3 American cities—Miami (12th Board), Roxbury, Mass. (1st Board), and New York City.

The Stock Exchange match with Amsterdam went to the Dutch as predicted, but by the narrow margin of 5½-4½. Kashdan, who selected and captained the American team, is to be congratulated on the fine showing of his team-mates. His own game, a draw with Van Scheltinga, was a quiet 16-move Ruy Lopez.

New York's high schools have begun their largest team tournament to date, with 20 teams of 4 participating in a Swiss System team tournament for the interscholastic title. Science, Brooklyn Tech and Stuyvesant are the favorites, the last-named team being captained by young Eliot Hearst, Marshall Chess Club finalist.

To round out the sphere of continuing activity, Intercollegiate Chess League President Rhys Hays announces that 9 teams have entered a Spring intercollegiate tournament. As evidence of their increasing interest in organized chess, 5 more New York City college clubs have signified their intention of joining the USCF.

NOTE ON THE DYNAMIC FACTOR IN NEW YORK CHESS: Alas, the Marshall and Manhattan Chess Clubs have certainly entered upon interesting days, with 15-year olds and college boys capturing club titles and Brooklyn looming as the city's next chess center!

Club Chapters

Chartered During February

Charter No. 177

Teletype Chess Club

Chicago Illinois

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Club Champion Frank Weber
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Charter No. 178

The Atlanta Chess Club

Atlanta, Georgia

Secretary J. M. Radway
Meets on Friday nights.

For The Tournament-Minded

March 27-28

Kentucky Junior Championship

Louisville, Kentucky

Will be played in Louisville; entry fee 50c; age limit 21 years old; for details write to J. Mayer, 233 East Madison, Louisville 2, Ky.

March 27-April 3

Area 6 U. S. Preliminaries

Los Angeles, Calif.

Play will be held at Hollywood Chess Club, 108 N. Formosa Ave., Los Angeles 36, Calif.; for details write Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, 1256 W. Seventh St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Note: Entrance fees are uniformly \$5.00 in every Area Tournament to USCF members. (Non-members may participate by including \$1.00 for USCF dues with their regular entry fee.)

Steinitz Attacks

SO MUCH has been written about Steinitz's superlative defensive abilities that we are apt to lose sight of the fact that he was an equally great master of the attack. Nor is there anything paradoxical in this. Steinitz began his career with a natural bent for combination play, but he turned to defense by sheer force of logic and will power.

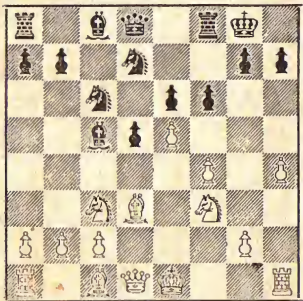
FRENCH DEFENSE
Havana, 188

White
W. STEINITZ
1 P-K4
2 P-Q4
3 Kt-QB3
4 P-K5
5 P-B4
6 PxB3
7 Kt-B3
8 B-Q3

Black
C. GOLMAYO
P-K3
P-Q4
Kt-KB3
Kt-K2
P-QB4
BxP
O-O
Kt-QB3

Too slow. As White obviously plans action on the Kingside, Black should have countered promptly with 8... P-B3.

9 P-KR4 P-B3
Now comes a masterly combination.



10 Kt-K5!! PxBt
Forced, as both KRP and the KP were attacked.

11 BxPch! KxB
There is more resistance in the interesting alternative 11... K-B2; 12 Q-R5ch, K-K2; 13 QxPch, K-K1 (not 13... K-B2?; 14 B-Kt6ch, K-K1; 15 Q-R5 etc.); 14 B-Kt6ch, R-B2; 15 Q-R5, Q-K2; 16 Kt-K5, Kt-Kt3; 17 BxRch, QxB; 18 Kt-B7ch and White wins.

12 PxBch K-K1
And not 12... K-Kt3?; 13 Q-R5ch, K-B4; 14 P-Kt4 mate — a pretty picture.

13 Q-R5 Kt(x)P
On 13... Kt-K2 (to meet 14 P-Kt6) Steinitz intended 14 KtXP, Q-R4ch (if 14... PxBt; 15 P-K6 or 14... Kt-Kt3; 15 P-Kt6); 15 K-Q1, KtXP; 16 Kt-B6ch!!; RxBt; 17 PxR and White wins both Knights!

14 PxBt R-B4
After 14... B-B7ch; 15 K-Q1, KtXP; 16 P-Kt6, KtXP; 17 QxKt, Q-B3; 18 Q-R7ch, K-B2; 19 R-B1 White has a winning game.

15 P-KKt!! RxBch
16 K-Q1 B-K6
Or 16... P-Q5; 17 Kt-K4! (threatens 18 Kt-B6ch), RxBt; 18 R-B1, Kt-K4; 19 P-Kt6, KtXP; 20 QxKt and wins.

17 BxB RxB
If now 18 P-Kt6, K-B1; 19 Q-R8ch, K-K2; 20 QxPch, K-Q3. This explains White's next move:

18 Kt-K5!! R-B6
To stop a later check by White's KR. If instead 18... Kt-K4; 19 Q-R8ch wins Black's Queen.

19 P-Kt6 Resigns
For if 19... K-B1; 20 Q-R8ch, K-K2; 21 QxPch and mate next move. A masterpiece of intricate calculation.

KOELSCH WINS
MINN. CLUB TITLE

In a strong field of contenders including Minnesota State Champion George Barnes, Dr. Giles J. Koelsche emerged as champion of the Minneapolis Chess & Checker Club with a score of 7-3, losing one game to Ott and one to Barnes, and drawing one game each with Diesen and Frutman in the double round event. Diesen was second with 6-4 and R. Ott third with 5½-4½, while George Barnes placed fourth with 5-5.

United passed pawns are a lot stronger than a lone passed pawn. Join the USCF and get unity in American chess.

Say you saw it in CHESS LIFE

Area Tournaments

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with Dr. Schmidt in the fifth, while Dr. Schmidt had draws with Albert Sandrin in the third and Ptaček in the fourth.

In the decisive sixth round the Sandrin brothers met, and Angelo bested Albert while Paul Poschel was defeating Dr. Schmidt. Result: Poschel took the lead by ½ point, the Sandrin brothers held a tie for second and Ptaček surged into a tie with Dr. Schmidt and Alfred Ludwig.

The final round saw Poschel drawing with Angelo Sandrin while Albert Sandrin drew with Ludwig. Dr. Schmidt bested Knjoth and Ptaček won from Nowak.

So Paul Poschel was victor by ½ point, Albert Sandrin second on a weighted score, although tied with brother Angelo on points at 5-2. On weighted points Dr. Schmidt placed fourth and Ptaček fifth with 4½-2½, while Alfred Ludwig held sixth with 4-3.

Area 5

In Area 5 twenty-six players from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas contended for one open spot in the U. S. Championship Finals, and victory went to Bill Janes of Leroy, Texas with 6-1.

Carl Weberg of Salina, Kansas, veteran of the 1945 U. S. Open, placed second with 5½-1½; and Richard Harrell, Fort Worth City, placed third with 5-2. Fifth to seventh place was awarded on weighted score in the following order to Kenneth Smith, A. G. Miller, C. F. Tears, Jr., and J. D. Webb with equal scores of 4½-2½. The roster of the tournament recalled many names from the 1946 Open Meet at Corpus Christi.

Area 3 U. S. Preliminary

Player	Score	Points
Paul Poschel	5½-1½	18-00
Albert Sandrin, Jr.	5-2	18-25
Angelo Sandrin	5-2	16-00
Dr. Bruno Schmidt	4½-2½	18-25
Ptaček	4½-2½	11-00
Alfred Ludwig	4-3	
W. H. C. Newberry	3½-3½	6-25
Richard Knjoth	3-4	
Robert Schmidt	2½-4½	5-25
J. A. Nowak	2½-4½	4-75
M. Rohland	1½-5½	
F. J. Hubert	1-6	
L. J. Isaac	1-6	
A. Tucker*	1½-5½	

*Withdrawn before end of meeting.

Area 5 U. S. Preliminary

Player	Score	Points
Bill Janes	6-1	24-75
Carl Weberg	5½-1½	20-00
Richard Harrell	5-2	20-25
Kenneth Smith	4½-2½	20-50
A. G. Miller	4½-2½	20-50
C. F. Tears, Jr.	4½-2½	17-75
J. D. Webb	4½-2½	16-50
Don Thompson	4-3	17-25
Pete Herman	4-3	16-00
P. H. McKee	4-3	13-75
Blake Stevens	4-3	12-50
J. C. Armstrong	3½-3½	14-50
Joe T. Gilbert	3½-3½	14-25
Ben Milam	3½-3½	9-50
Bert Brice-Nash	3-4	12-50
Arthur Murray	3-4	11-00
L. H. Lanier	3-4	8-75
Frank R. Graves	3-4	6-50
R. N. Anderson	2½-4½	8-00
Dr. A. S. Seal*	2-5	6-75
Pfeiffer Lane	2-5	5-00
D. F. Walker	2-5	3-00
S. Karchner*	1½-5½	2-75
C. B. Cook*	1-6	4-00
A. Creighton*	1-6	4-00
Dr. J. H. Perry*	0-7	0-00

*Withdrawn before end of meeting.

SAVE THESE DATES!

July 5—July 17

For The

49th Annual U. S.
Open Tournament

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Chess Life Writer Scent's A Good Thing
For Married Chessplayers In "Mary Chess"

By John D. French

Looking for a method of making the "little woman" Chess Conscious. Want to make her a rabid chess fan so that she wouldn't say "What, you're going to that old chess club again?" Well, here 'tis. Just rush out to your nearest department store and buy her a bottle or two or 32 of Mary Chess perfume. That's right: Mary Chess. (or Merry Chess to you and me).

It seems a top flight New York perfumer by that name has decided to capitalize on the name and has really gone all out for the Royal Game.

You can buy a fine crystal glass bottle of perfume in the shape of any chess piece: solid based King and Queen; sleazier Rook; spirited Knight; or phlegmatic Pawn. And those scent names, for instance, "strategy", will do even more to make the "weaker sex" realize that Chess is really the best, both as a game or a perfume.

And the perfume is of the very best, so you can be sure of making both yourself and the wife happy with this chessie purchase.

The bottles will make a charming addition to anyone's chess collection. If your wife is young enough and uses perfume freely, you should be able to pull together a full set of 32 pieces by killing two birds with one stone: keeping her happy and getting yourself a truly novel (and practical) set. Imagine the boys at the club when you walk in with an all-glass chess set under your arm... beauties with a six and a half inch high King, modeled in a basically Staunton design after

a 17th Century chess set.

All you have to do is empty the bottles with the passage of time, then fill them with colored water and off you go. Fact is, Mary Chess had made a start toward a two-color set already by having the tops of the Pawns (only piece with a metal stopper; the others being glass) made two ways: one gold, the other silver.

Although the Mary Chess firm is going into chess in a big way, they have not as yet brought out a board made of 64 vary colored sections of pancake makeup or something, but its a thought and you can use your glass set on an ordinary board until a cosmetics one comes along.

Think of the fun you can have saying "I smell a mate coming somewhere; or perhaps "I see through your plans already". A glass perfume bottle chess set has a thousand possibilities... and then too, you can always use it to play chess.

PROBLEMS OF CHESS LIFE

Continued from page 2, Col. 2.

your aimable editor—shows in the main variation what has become known since as the Hassberg Theme: the key pins a White and unpins a Black piece (1. Qa4) whereas the thematic defense returns to the status quo (1... Pd5; 2. Sc5 mate), and the mate is given by the re-unpinned White piece, because the Black piece (Ph6) is re-pinned. In addition, there is a cross check, introduced by the key (1... BxS ch 2. Sc6) and a dual avoidance complet: Pb5; 2. RxP not Qc6; and PxS; 2. Qc6 (a switchback) not RxP. This is about all that can be expected from a problem with a limit of two or three pieces, as asked in a Meredith tourney.

The three-mover shows consecutive unpinning of two White pieces by the Black K, doubled. They key (1. Qa2!) sacrifices the strongest White piece, and is accentuated by a close try—or almost solution—which is only defeated by one Black move (..... Rd4!). Now if RxQ; 2. Sf6, Kf4; 3. Se3; if Pf4; 2. Sxb, Kd3; 3. Sb4, and we have each of the two Ks unpinned consecutively by Black in both variations. In addition there is another fine variation, Rd4; 2. QxR! (a second Q sacrifice), PxQ; 3. Pf3. This highly complex and original theme is executed with probably a minimum number of men, therefore complying with one important requirement of artistic problem making: the law of economy.

I hope that these hints will help some reader-composers to win prizes in future problem contests.

Solutions:

The keymove of Problem No. 13 is: 1. B-B8. According to Black's replies White's mates are accomplished by 2. Kt-B6, Kt-B4, Kt-K7. A pleasing trif.

The keymove of Problem No. 14 is: 1. B-Q4 with threat of 2. Q-K4 mate, Black's defenses are: 1... K-B1; 2... Kt-B1; 3... PxR; 1... R-Q4; 1... P-K5. Respectively White mates are: 2. R-K3; 2. R-K3; 2. Kt-B4; 2. Q-B4; 2. Q-B4. Ingenious and pretty.

Acknowledgment of correct solutions to Problems No. 11 and No. 12 (omitted from last issue) from: Peter Korf and F. Holloway (Grand Rapids); Burey Marshall (Shreveport); Jack Spence (Omaha); N. Gabor, E. Dells, Prof. H. K. Justice (Cincinnati); E. Holladay (Charlottesville); James Bolton (New Haven); Mrs. Ward (Sedalia) and E. Benjamin (Cleveland) submitted correct solutions to No. 11 but incorrect for No. 12. Scott Lamb solved No. 12 correctly but missed No. 11. Also Peter Seitz (Akron) solved both.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 13 and 14 are acknowledged received from: Jack Spence (Omaha); Peter Korf (Grand Rapids); Jack Bolton (New Haven); H. Groendyke and N. Gabor (Cincinnati). Solvers who submitted correct solutions to Problem No. 13 and incorrect answers to No. 14 were: C. A. English (Worcester, Mass.); Peter Seitz and A. E. Plueddemann (Akron); Dr. W. J. Stelminger (Northville, Mich.); Dr. J. S. Hunter (Rochester, Minn.).

The key to the problem given in Forsythe under Questions and Answers is: Kt-Kt5. Peter Korf (Grand Rapids) sent in the correct solution.

RUTGERS TIES
LOG CABIN TEAM

Rutgers	Log Cabin
Bernstein.....0	L. Landry.....0
Nedzela.....0	F. Starke.....0
J. McGrath.....0	G. Kerr.....0
Gross.....0	V. Madsen.....0
Feldman.....0	R. Houghton.....0
Kronmayer.....0	P. F. Laucks.....0
Logan.....0	K. Cernack.....0
Dimitrakos.....0	H. Blanken.....0
Bender.....0	H. Melcher.....0
Homborby.....0	R. Adams.....0
Rutgers.....5	Log Cabin.....5

I.B.M. TEAM WINS
OVER BINGHAMTON.

I. B. M.	Binghamton
S. Finkelstein.....0	H. Evans.....0
C. Huanan.....0	L. Bryant.....0
R. Allen.....0	J. Jacobson.....0
M. Mitchell.....0	A. Derlyshire.....0
D. Brooks.....0	W. Hall.....0
R. Morris.....0	B. Wallenberg.....0
W. Schweizer.....0	D. Chaffe.....0
W. Renner.....0	P. Oraguelian.....0
H. Thayer.....0	A. Thurston.....0
S. Hannus.....0	C. Darling.....0
F. Andrews.....0	F. Rickerson.....0
I. B. M.....8	Binghamton.....3

ORANGES BEST
JERSEY CITY "Y"

Club of Oranges	Jersey City
K. S. Howard.....0	N. Cohen.....0
F. Howard.....0	B. Kozma.....0
A. Stanfield.....0	W. Walbreit.....0
E. T. McCormick.....0	R. Badertcher.....0
J. Plunkett.....0	L. Eigen.....0
G. Proll.....0	B. Brehne.....0
C. S. Pennington.....0	Page.....0
J. O. Tobler.....0	P. Helbig.....0
Oranges.....5½	Jersey City.....2½

FIRESTONE DOWNS
LAKE CO. Y CLUB

Firestone	Lake County
A. E. Plueddemann.....2	Walter Suss.....0
Gale Crombie.....0	R. Plummer.....0
Frederic E. C.....0	H. Whings.....0
Robert.....1½	E. Britton.....0
M. Antunovich.....2	L. Thomas.....0
Dan Dennison.....2	C. Dingley.....0
Dennis Griffin.....1	
Firestone.....5½	Lake County.....1½

Chess Life
Abroad

By George Koltanowski

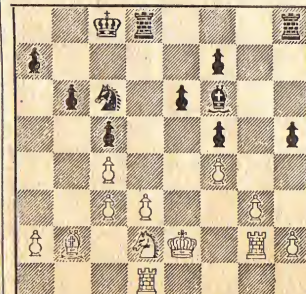
ZURICH: Vienna beat Zurich (10 board match) by 12-8. Dr. Edwin Voellmy, editor of the La Revue Suisse des Echecs for forty years, has just retired. He was a strong chess player too.

GERMANY: There's great activity once again in Germany. Hamburg: Ahues 9 pts (on 11); 2-3. Heinicke and Saemisch 7½ each; 4. Reilstab 7pts, etc. Bad Mersfeld: 1. Niephaus 10 pts (This is a young player from Bad Nauheim); 2. Bogoljubow 8½; 3-4. Brinckmann and Nonnemacher 7½ pts, etc.

DR. EUWE thinks Botvinnik will win the Championship of the World with Keres a good second. In an interview with Echec et Mat he says the participation of Fine was the only one they were not sure of, and hoped that if Fine did not turn up that Najdorf or Stahlberg should be permitted to take his place. (F.I.D.E. is against substitution.) Outside the six contenders Euwe believes the best players in the World are: Najdorf, Stahlberg, Boleslavski, Tartakower, Szabo, O'Kelly, Kasdin, Book, Pachman. He also believes that a match is the best way to decide the World's title, but under the circumstances this tournament was best. New theoretical lines will come to light from this tournament... but which he could not say.

The Two VIDMARS: In chess as in many other arts "the child does not always inherit the talents of his parents." There are naturally exceptions: the Hungarian Steiner family, the Swiss Henneberger family; the Yugo-Slav Vidmar family, in Russia the Kubbel brothers, the Platoff brothers, the Makagonoff brothers, etc.

The Grand-master Dr. Milan Vidmar, Professor at the University of Ljubljana, has a great list of triumphs to his name (first in the Barmen tournament, 1905!). His son, Ing. Milan Vidmar, Jr., has not achieved any outstanding successes yet but he is seriously beginning to be a "threat" to his father. In the last championship of Yugo-Slavia he came 6-7 with 9½ pts. directly behind his father who was fifth with 10½ pts. In the final round they played against each other and this game decided their classification. Here 'tis: White: Ing. M. Vidmar, Jr.; Black: Dr. M. Vidmar; English Opening: 1. P-QB4, Kt-KB3; 2. Kt-QB3; P-K3; 3. P-K4, P-Q4; 4. P-K5, P-Q5 (not 4... Kt-K5?; 5. Kt-Kt, PxBt; 6. Kt-PxP, PxBt (a la Nimzowitch who recommends keeping the Ps in the center); 7. Kt-B3; P-QB4; 8. P-Kt3, Kt-B3; 9. B-KKt2, Q-Q6; 10. Q-K2, QxQ ch; 11. KxQ (one would think it's going to be a draw, but the Vidmars are on the warpath!); Kt-R4; 12. P-Q3, B-Q2; 13. Kt-Q2, B-B3; 14. Kt-K4, O-O-O; 15. R-KKt1, B-K2; 16. B-QR3, P-Kt3; 17. Kt-Q2, BxB1; 18. RxB, Kt-B3; 19. R-K1, P-B4; 20. P-B4, B-B3; 21. B-Kt2, P-KR4! (See diagram).



(Black is playing for a win and (Please turn to Page 4, Col. 5)

Friday, March 5, 1948

RETI OPENING

Practice Match
New York, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White
S. RESHEVSKY
1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 2. P-B4 P-Q5
The Turnback Defense to the Reti. At one time it was thought to refute the Reti opening because of the strong center for Black after P-KB3 and P-K4.

3. P-K3
The modern method of handling this variation. White attacks the center before it becomes established.

3. P-QB4 4. PxP
This, however, is not best since Black can keep his grip on the center. Correct is an interesting gambit: 4. P-QK4, P-KP5; 5. B-PxP, P-P (probably not best); 6. P-Q4 with ample positional compensation.

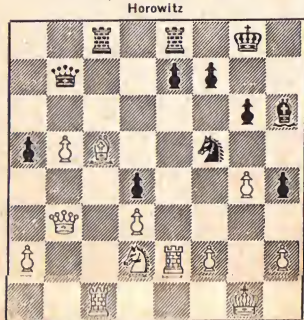
4. P-QK4 5. P-KK3 6. B-QB3 P-K13
5. P-Q3 P-BK12 11. Q-K12 Q-K13
6. P-K13 K-K2 12. O-O 0-0
7. P-K15 K-K2

It is clear that Black's position is at least as good as White's.
13. Kt-K15 BxB 15. R-K1 Kt-KB4
14. KxB R-B1 16. Kt-K12 P-R4
Black's chances appear to be in a K-side attack. White's in a Q-side push where his P majority may make itself felt.

17. QR-B1 R-K1 20. KxP Kt-Kt
18. Q-R5 Q-B2 21. BxKt
It turns out that 21. R-Kt would have been much safer here. Black now develops an extremely sharp attack in what looks like a rather quiet position.

21. BxP 22. R-K2
Of course not 22. R-B2, BxKt; 23. RxB, QxB or if 22. Q-K12, BxKt; 23. QxR, Q-K12 ch and 24. QxP. Playable was 22. P-B4 though it loosens White's K-side.
22. Q-K12 ch 23. P-K14
23. K-Kt1 P-KR5

After 24. P-K14
Horowitz



Reshevsky
The only salvation appears to be 24. R-B3 for 24. R-K2; 25. R-K2 B-R6; 26. P-B4, Kt-K6; 27. R-B1, P-K1, but the position still is highly in Black's favor.
24. P-R6 26. P-Kt1 B-K6 ch.
25. P-B4 BxP Resigns
If White's center had not been slightly backward, his Q might have had a chance to cross over quickly to help defend the K. The whole of the game was handled very attractively by Horowitz.

GIUOCO PIANO

Manhattan Chess Club Championship
Finals, New York, 1948

Notes by Gene Page

White
W. SHIPMAN
1. P-K4 Kt-QB3 5. Kt-B3 A. KEVITZ
2. Kt-KB3 P-K4 6. B-KK5 P-KR3
3. B-B4 Kt-B3 7. B-R4 P-KK4
4. P-Q3 B-B4

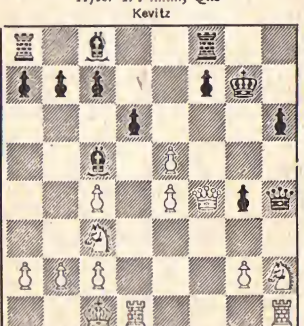
The wisdom of this P-attack from the castled K's position is debatable. Black is committed to a course of action from which there can be no retreat or change of plan, and at the same time White is furnished a beautiful target (Black's KtP) to concentrate against.

8. B-KK3 P-Q3 9. Q-Q2
The threat of course is 10. R-KtP; P-Kt1; 11. QxP ch, K-R2; 12. B-R4 winning the Kt, for if the Kt moves, then 13. Q-R5 ch;

9. Kt-R2 11. Kt-R2 K-K12
10. P-KR4 P-K15
Avoiding, but necessary.

12. O-O Kt-R4 14. P-Kt1 Kt-B3
13. P-B4 Kt-B3
The more obvious 14. P-KB3 was unplayable, for then 15. PxP, B-PxP; 16. BxP ch.

After 17. QxP
Kevitz



Shipman
15. PxP Kt-R4 19. QxKtP ch Q-B3
16. B-B4 Kt-B3 20. QxB P-Kt1
21. QxKt QxP 21. PxP Q-Kt4 ch.
18. Kt-B3 PxP

Black relieves the pressure considerably with this welcome forced Q-trade, but White, with superior development and a P the best for it, is not to be denied.
22. QR-KK1 P-KB3 25. PxP P-KB4
23. QR-KK1 P-KB3 25. PxP P-KB4
24. P-B4 B-K3 28. Kt-K15 RxB
25. P-K13 R-R1

Tournament Life

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Fred Reinhold Dr. Bela Rozsa
J. Soudakoff

An alternative with better drawing prospects might have been 28. KR-QB1. Though restricting Black's game temporarily, it would have enabled him safely to drive the offensive Kt from K15 on the following move.
29. RxB P-K1 34. Kt-B3 R-K15
30. K-K2 R-K2 35. R-KK1 RxB
31. K-B3 P-R3 36. KtXR K-K13
32. Kt-Q4 B-Q2 37. Kt-B3 B-K15
33. K-Q2 R-K5

For Black there is nothing better.
38. Kt-K5 ch. KxP 44. P-B5 ch. PxB ch.
39. KtXB KxKt 45. PxB ch. K-B3
40. K-K3 K-B4 46. K-B4 K-Q2
41. K-Q4 K-K3 47. K-K4 K-B3
42. P-K3 K-Q3 48. K-R5 KxP
43. P-R4 P-K13 49. P-B3!
Neat and conclusive.
49. K-B5 51. K-K5 K-Q5
50. KxP KxB 52. K-B6 Resigns

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Manhattan Chess Club Championship
Finals, New York, 1948

Notes by J. Soudakoff

White
A. S. PINKUS
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. Kt-B3 P-K3
2. Kt-KB3 P-QK13 5. P-K3
3. P-B4 B-K12
It is more usual for White to fianchetto his KB.

5. B-K15
Transposing into the Nimzoindian Defense:
5. B-K12 is a good alternative.
6. B-Q3 BxKt ch. 8. B-K2
7. PxB B-K5
White regains this loss of tempo with his 10th move.

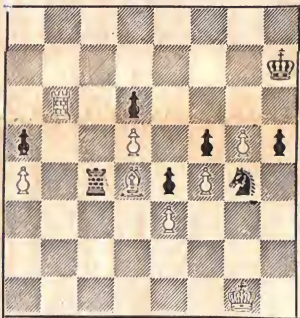
9. O-O Q-K12 12. P-QR4 P-QR4
10. Kt-Q2 B-K12 14. Kt-B1 P-K5
11. P-B3 P-K4
To hamper the development of White's KB.
15. P-B4 Kt-K1 16. P-K14 Q-R5
The K is misplaced on the K-side; better was 16. R-K13 with ... Kt-K12 to follow.

17. Kt-K13 P-K13 21. R-B2 K-R2
18. R-B1 P-KB4 22. R-K12 QxP (R3)
19. P-K15 P-R3 23. P-K4
20. PxB Kt-K13

21. strong thrust.
22. P-K11 25. B-R3 B-R3
23. Q-R2 QR-KB1 26. R-Q2
Prevents ... P-B4.

26. Kt-R4 34. RxB
27. Kt-K1 P-K4 35. P-B4 R-Q2
28. R-K15 Kt-B3 36. P-Q5 Q-Q2
29. P-B5 BxB 37. Kt-B2 Q-QB2
30. QxB Kt-K15 38. B-K4 QxP
31. PxKt PxB 39. QxQ RxB
32. R-K12 R-QK14 40. RxBP
33. R-K15 RxB

After 40. RxBP
Moskowitz



Pinkus
40. RxB
More to the point seems 40. P-R5 with strong counter threats against the White K. The capture of the RP denies to the Black R access to the 5th rank.

41. Kt-K7 ch. K-K1
42. P-K16
Threatening mate in one.

42. RxB 45. K-B2 KtXP
43. PXR P-QR5 46. K-K13 Kt-B6
44. QR-R7 Kt-K6
Correct was 40. P-K6 with good drawing chances.

47. K-R4 P-K6 49. K-R6 Resigns
48. K-K15 Kt-K5 ch.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Ohio State Championship
Columbus, 1947

Notes by A. Y. Hesse

White
R. H. BECKERT
1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
This move leads into the usual variations, such as the Paulsen, Scheveningen, Dragon and others, most often played in the past. Although the Dragon Defense is of more recent origin and quite popular. Then came the Richter Attack; to avoid which we now have 2. P-Q3, favored by Botvinnik and others, and considered best.

3. P-Q4 P-P 5. Kt-QB3 P-Q3
4. KtXP Kt-B3 6. P-KR3
Played here to protect the QB at K3 from attack by the Black Kt; also in supporting P-KR4 later, it cannot be considered as lost time, although 6. B-K2 accomplishes the same purpose and develops a piece at the same time. The text move, followed by B-K3 and O-O-O, is favored by Adams. Instead of the text White might have well considered 6. B-KK15 leading to the Richter Attack.

6. P-KK13 8. Q-Q2 B-K12
7. B-K3 B-Q2 9. O-O-O P-KR4
A move without rhyme or reason, only time lost and weakening of the K-side, against which White's offense is directed. Rather than O-O, followed by an immediate counter on the Q-side, where White is vulnerable, especially after O-O-O.

10. B-K2 P-QR3 13. P-QK13 Q-B2
11. Kt-K1 P-QK14 14. P-B4 Kt-B3
The P at K13 now prevents 14. QKt-K15; see note on move 6.

15. Kt-Q5 Kt-Kt(Q5) 18. B-Q3 Kt-K12
16. P-Kt1 Kt-R4 19. P-B5 PxB
17. P-KK14 P-R5 20. BxP Kt-B4
18. Kt-B3 Kt-K4
But better was 20. BxB at once, yet only for a time.

21. Q-B2 BxB 24. P-K15 Q-Q2
22. QxB B-K4 25. Q-K16 ch. K-Q1
23. KR-B1 P-B3 26. Kt-B6 ch

Well played—efficiency is the essence thereof.
26. K-B2 28. KtXB P-Kt1
27. BxKt PxB 29. R-B7
Decisive; to which there is no adequate reply.
29. Q-Q3 31. P-Q6 ch. Resigns
30. RxB ch. QxR

VIENNA GAME

Oklahoma State Championship
Tulsa, 1947

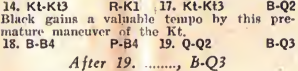
Notes by Gene Page

White
A. G. MILLER
1. P-K4 4. P-B4 B. ROZSA
2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 5. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
3. B-B4 B-B4 6. P-Q3 P-QR3

6. B-K3 may be slightly stronger.
7. P-B5 Kt-Q5 9. Kt-K2 P-Q4
8. P-K1 P-Kt1 10. PxB KtXP
With this P trade, Black has taken undisputed control of the center and threatens a concentration of power at White K3.

11. O-O 12. BxKt
Undoubtedly best.
12. QxB 15. K-R1 B-B1
13. P-B6 P-KK13 16. Kt-K4 B-KB4
14. Kt-K13 R-K1 17. Kt-K13 B-Q2
Black gains a valuable tempo by this premature maneuver of the Kt.

18. B-B4 P-B4 19. Q-Q2 B-Q3
After 19. Q-Q2, B-Q3



Rozsa
11. Kt-K1
This liquidation is White's culminating error of judgment, by which Black's game is completely opened up; this was the last chance for Kt-K2 and if ... PxB; 12. KtXP, Kt-K4 with a complicated game.

11. Kt-K1 13. P-R5!
12. BxKt BxB
White plays his whole game with great tactical cleverness.

13. B-K3 14. P-QB4 P-KR3!
With this and his next move Black completely pulls the teeth from White's attack. Only due to a succeeding error does the threat again become real.

15. Q-K4 KR-Q1 16. Kt-B3 PxB
White should probably have played 16. PxB. Surely a P minus cannot be of any help.

17. Kt-R4
White's combinational play forms a pretty contrast to Black's positional maneuvering. The malicious point (20. Kt-B5) to this move is completely overlooked by Black in his optimism.

17. QR-QB1 18. QR-K1!
Organically White is beyond repair, but his cleverness is flashy.

18. Kt-B5
Black has gradually improved his position but now overlooks the pretty mate which White has in mind. Proper was 18. BxKt; 19. QxB (-19. RxB, B-B1); B-B4 with a won advantage.

19. Q-R7 ch K-B1 21. RxB ch. PxB
20. Kt-B5 K-K1 22. Q-K18 ch. Resigns
For after ... K-Q2; 23. Q-B7 ch, B-K2; 24. QxB mate.

20. BxB?
Instead, if 20. Kt-K4 Black obviously cannot safely retreat the threatened B, and yet —if 20. BxB, then 21. QxB and the Black Q must race to R4 to guard against the Kt-R4 winning Q-B7 capture.

21. Kt-K1 and White has more than a satisfactory game.

21. QxB 23. QxQ ch. RxB
22. R-Q5 R-K4 24. Kt-K1
23. R-Q5 Q-B1

Immediately necessary was 21. Kt-K1. Then if R(1)-K1; 25. R-B2. Of course this gives Black temporary command of the important K-file but White would be threatening to contest it with Q-B1. And if 25. P-Kt1; 26. Kt-K4, 1983; 27. R-K2, BxKt?; 28. R-K1-K1.

24. B-B3 27. P-KR4 K-R2
25. Kt-K3 R(1)-K1 28. K-B2
26. Kt-K1 P-KR4
This belated attempt to contest the K-file is foredoomed.

27. R(1)-K1 31. QR-KB1 P-B5
28. Kt-K1 R-Q3 32. P-K13
30. R-B2 P-QK14
Nothing short of a miracle could save White now but 32. PxB is probably much better than the text move.

32. PxB 34. Kt-B5
33. PxB R-K6
Desperation, pure and simple! But Black is not to be denied his well earned reward.

34. PxB 40. KtXR B-K3
35. RxB KR3 41. R-B4 R-K2
36. R-K15 B-Q2 42. RxB R-Q2
37. R-K18 R-K1 43. RxB BxB
38. R-K17 RxB Resigns
39. RxB RxB ch

FRENCH DEFENSE

Match Game, 1947

Notes by Richard Harrell

White
A. MURRAY
(Dallas)
1. P-K4 P-K3 4. B-K15 PxB
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. KtXP Kt-Q2
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 6. Q-B3

Certainly anti-positional, but as we progress we find that White has ideas of his own for the conduct of the game. More proper is 6. Kt-KB3 whereon Schlechter-Rubinstein, San Sebastian, 1912 went: B-K2; 7. KtXR, Kt-R3; 8. B-Q3, P-QK13; 9. Kt-K5, R-K2; 10. B-K5 ch, P-B3; 11. BxP ch, BxP; 12. KtXB, Q-Q1! (the point); 13. Kt-Q5, QxKtP; 14. Q-B3, QxQ; 15. KtXQ and Black has a slight end-game advantage.

6. B-K2 8. O-O-O P-QB3
7. B-Q3 O-O
The beginning of a subtle maneuver designed to refute White's faulty strategy—an immediate P-K4 would probably be premature. The text serves two purposes—it cleans the Q from the potential dangerous O-file and strengthens Black's Q4.

8. P-KR4
Has Black made any errors to now? No, and therefore White is scarcely justified in seeking a direct attack. R-K2 should have been played on principle. If ... Q-R4; 10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

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10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

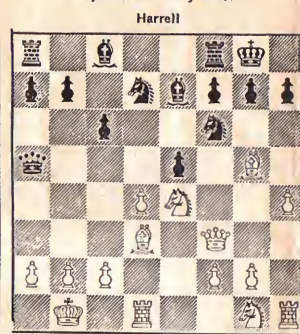
10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

10. Kt-R1, P-K4; 11. KR-K1 and if ... PxB;

12. KtXP, Kt-K4 with an interesting game, not at all bad for White.
9. Q-R4 10. K-K1 P-K4

After 10. Q-R4, P-R4





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BOTVINNIK LEADS IN MATCH

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH ROUND BY ROUND DESCRIPTION

By Fred Reinfeld

(CHESS LIFE presents the story of the World Championship Tournament, as seen by the eyes of the noted annotator and author of chess studies, Fred Reinfeld, who will give his impressions in each issue of CHESS LIFE during the course of the Tournament.)

After two rounds of the first World Championship Tournament ever held, Paul Keres was in first place with two straight wins.

Prophesying the outcome of such an event is a ticklish affair, but the standings cited above may well be the key to the final results: Keres and Botvinnik fighting it out for first place, with a slight edge for the latter; Reshevsky third, for it is doubtful that his superb fighting qualities can outweigh his lack of theoretical knowledge and practice; Smyslov and Euwe sharing the cellar. Euwe is the oldest contestant (47), and he is too prone to tactical oversights to do well in such a tournament. Smyslov is out of his depth in such exalted company.

If the first two games are any criterion, the play will be gratifyingly enterprising. Against Smyslov, Reshevsky defended by adopting a defense with which he has experimented in a number of im-

portant games. He had a cramped game for a while, but maneuvered with his customary patience, which was rewarded by Smyslov's weak 28th Kt-Q5. Thereafter Reshevsky took the initiative, and in one of his

usual time scrambles came near winning a Pawn. Careful analysis may show that he could have maintained his material advantage.

Euwe was unlucky against Keres, who adopted a venerable and characteristic cramped Lopez defense favored by Steinitz. Euwe handled the opening and early middle game in good style, but he went astray with his 28th move (time pressure?). Thereafter Keres displayed his grand abilities as a tactician. Note that if White had played 33. QxKP?, he would have lost a piece by 33...., Q-K7. With his 33rd move Keres began some beautiful play, culminating in 37...., R-B4! (if 38. Q-R8, R-B7 wins). At move 39, Keres could have won at once with 39...., Kt-B6 ch! for if 40. K-B2, RxR ch. is crushing. However, his continuation was of course good enough to win.

Round Two

Keres started out with a very quiet variation which transposed into the Gruenfeld Defense. Despite the harmless appearance of this line, Smyslov seemed badly rattled. Keres worked up a tremendous attack, helped by the fact that Smyslov's Queen was out of play. After winning the exchange, Keres forced the win of a piece, causing Smyslov's resignation.

Euwe started out with a good game against Botvinnik, but the latter's Pawn sacrifice on move 17 seemed to upset Euwe considerably. Instead of returning the offered Pawn at once (20...., Kt-Q4) he should have tried 20...., PxP; 21. RxP, Kt-Q4; 22. QxQ, Kt-Q4. Even in that event White would have ample pressure for his Pawn, but the fight could doubtless have



Fred Reinfeld

ROUND ONE

Smyslov 1, Reshevsky 1; Ruy Lopez, 41 moves.
Euwe 0, Keres 1; Ruy Lopez, 55 moves.
Botvinnik, bye.

ROUND TWO

Keres 1, Smyslov 0; Gruenfeld Defense, 27 moves.
Botvinnik 1, Euwe 0; QGD (Semi-Slav), 32 moves.
Reshevsky, bye.

ROUND THREE

Reshevsky 1, Keres 0; Indian Defense, Smyslov 1; Botvinnik 1; Gruenfeld Defense. Euwe, bye.

been prolonged. As actually played, Black had no chance after 22. PxP: White had all the open lines, and Black was never able to untangle his pieces. White's 28th is killing, for if 28...., PxP; 29. RxKP is decisive. The finish is pretty. (See game scores on page 3.)

General Comment

The present stage of the tournament is a good one for an American to make some comments about this contest: if he reserves these observations to the end of the tournament, he will be rewarded with a chorus of "Sour grapes!"

The original decision to include three Russian players and only two Americans was disadvantageous for us. It is not clear why Smyslov was included, as he has not won a major event, to this writer's knowledge. However, since he was included, a third American might well have been added.

In drawing up the tournament rules, it should have been borne in mind that whereas Russian masters are helped by the State, American players have to depend on their own private efforts, thus raising the possibility that either or both might find themselves unable to compete. This has actually happened in the case of Reuben Fine, who announced close to the last minute that "professional duties" made it impossible for him to compete. The tournament was thus robbed of considerable sporting interest, as Fine has accomplished nothing of importance since his great feat of tying Keres for first prize in the great Avro Tournament of 1928, ahead of Botvinnik, Alekhine, Euwe, Reshevsky, Capablanca and Flohr. It would therefore have been interesting to see how Fine would have acquitted himself in this tourney.

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How they looked when Sammy Reshevsky (right) faced Mikhail Botvinnik in the Team Match at Moscow.

Their Need Remains!

IN PAST issues of CHESS LIFE, we have published the names and addresses of European chess friends who were brought to our attention as deserving and in need of help. There has been generous response from our USCF members. Particularly commendable is the example set by the Oak Ridge Chess Club which dispatched a CARE package to each of the five Europeans listed in CHESS LIFE on October 20.

For the benefit of readers who missed our earlier appeals and as a reminder to those whose good intentions are about to become good deeds, we repeat the listing:

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Germany

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Vienna VII, Austria.

Hans Keller
Braunpasse 22
Vienna XVII, Austria

B. Koch
Treskovstrasse 7
Berlin N 58, Germany

Joseph Lokvenz
Bei Hoellriegel
Burgstrasse 30
Vienna VII, Austria

Friedrich Saemisch
(24b) Kiel
Herzog-Friedrich-Strasse 66
Gronitz Schleswig-Holstein
British Zone, Germany

Let's show these men that they can rely on their American chess friends in this hour of need.

(Packages of food and other essentials—\$10.00—may be sent through CARE, 50 Broad Street, New York City)

PAUL G. GIERS

Executive Vice-President, USCF

Area 4 Preliminary Won By Whitaker; Martin Southern 2nd; Ross Owens 3rd

Four finalists battled it out for the privilege of representing Area 4 in the U. S. Biennial Championship Finals, and victory went to N. T. Whitaker of Shadyside, Md. Martin Southern of Knoxville, Tenn., president of the Southern Chess Association, was second; Ross Owens of Richmond, Va., president of the Virginia Chess Federation, was third; and George DeVault of Johnson City, Tenn., was fourth.

Thirteen players assembled for the contest and were divided into three qualifying sections. Whitaker won the first section with junior Jackie Mayer of Louisville, Ky., a close second. Owens won the second section by a nose, ahead of junior Gerry Sullivan of the University of Tennessee. Southern and DeVault tied for leadership in the third section.

Highlights of the tourney, played at Johnson City, Tennessee, were the dangerous game in which young Mayer almost upset the veteran Whitaker, and Southern's spirited last round battle with the final victor.

The final winner of the tournament, after a long absence from chess, in the last year has signalled a determined comeback by placing in a tie for fifth at the U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi after a tie for second with Weaver Adams in the Ventnor City Open Tournament.

The tournament was directed by Mrs. Gustav Hardt of Elizabeth, Tenn., and among the spectators were Dr. P. G. Keeney, CHESS LIFE problem editor; Rev. Robert Williamson, a prominent CCLAer;

and aviator Paul Cromelin, president of the Georgia Chess Association, who flew in to the meeting and persuaded the members of the Southern Chess Association to change the annual Southern Association Tournament from Knoxville, Tenn. (previously considered) to Augusta, Ga., for the customary date of July 1-4, inclusive.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

STANDINGS (SEVEN ROUNDS)

Botvinnik	4 - 1
Reshevsky	3 - 2
Keres	2 1/2 - 2 1/2
Smyslov	2 - 2 1/2
Euwe	1 - 5

USCF ANNOUNCES 49TH U. S. OPEN

The 49th annual United States Chess Federation Open Championship, oldest in the country's history, will be held July 5-17 in the Hotel Lord Baltimore in that Southern city, Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., USCF president, announced today.

As usual the entry fee will be held to \$10, plus a USCF membership card. Although USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend will accept entries up until one hour before the player's meeting in the spacious ballroom of that hotel on Monday, July 5, it is believed best that players register early with the tournament committee, for a record attendance is known to be entering this year and the event may have to be limited to 150.

Ira Lovett, 327 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., is in charge of local arrangements for the event and is now booking hotel reservations in the Lord Baltimore, biggest and newest of the hotels in the "Southern Queen City." The Baltimore Chess Club, in cooperation with the Maryland Chess Association, is sponsoring the event this year.

The Baltimore club alone has a membership of 150 players, all USCF, of course, and nearly all of these are expected to enter the qualifying rounds of the event.

Play is expected to be conducted at least partly on the Swiss System, found so efficient in past events of the USCF where the entry list has run to record proportions.

Mr. Lovett said that many side events have been planned, including a banquet in the hotel, although he was not yet ready to announce dates. Mr. Wagner said that the members meetings and directors sessions would again be held this year in conjunction with the Open Tournament.

RADIO CHESS HAS ITS DAY

Cleveland sends forth its challenge to all comers to meet either its insistent juniors of the Pawn Club or the assembled strength of its City Chess League in radio matches. The Cleveland group plan to begin their conquest of the airwaves with a match against the Columbus (Ohio) Chess Club. Interested clubs may address Radio Chess Director Al Materns, 12416 Marne avenue S.W., Cleveland, Ohio.

Close on the heels of the Cleveland announcement comes the open challenge from the associated chess clubs of Philadelphia (Pa.) where the united efforts of Charles O. Badgett and the York Road Radio Club have established a travelling transmitter which is available for the use of any Philadelphia chess club and transmit for rebroadcasting to the powerful W3EM station at Oreland (Pa.) Clubs in the radio group are: Abington Y. Germantown Y, Mid-City, North City, Mercantile Library, Franklin, Yale & Towne, Juniata, Phila. Rifle Club, U. of Pa. Contact may be made with W3EM direct for a match, or with Walter Hall, 2451 N. Hancock street, Philadelphia 33, Pa.

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BETTER BE HAPPIER THAN WISE

IT WAS John Heywood, that lesser contemporary of Shakespeare, who mused that it is "better to be happier than wise". Perhaps there is some justice to his easy philosophy, but those who are merely happy and not wise sometimes make the way more difficult for their more sagacious brethren.

A case in point is a recent blast against the dates selected for the 1948 U. S. Open Tournament at Baltimore, demanding that these dates be changed to suit the writer's convenience. The blast contains, as must in all fairness be admitted, several valid reasons why the weeks of July 5-July 17 are not the happiest choice; but the writer fails to consider several important factors involved.

The setting up of an Open Tournament entails much labor, expense and a multitude of details. It cannot be arbitrarily shifted from one locality to another after the initial arrangements have been made. And, as in the case at Baltimore, the dates set for the Tournament are not always governed by the wishes of the committee in charge, but frequently by the availability of space and housing. At Baltimore hotel reservations are always tight, and the dates selected were the only ones actually available for the Tournament.

Another complaint, to round out the count, comes from two Eastern youngsters who have heard rumors that the 1948 Junior Tournament will not be held in the East. They state didactically that all the Junior strength is in the East, and that therefore it must be favored, forgetting that a good third of the entrants in the last Tournament in Cleveland came from the West and South, or wishing to ignore this point. By rail travel the site to which they object (and they are objecting on rumor, as no site has been officially selected as yet) is closer to more than half the entrants in the last Junior Tournament than any site that could be selected east of Cleveland.

We do not object to the theory that it is better to be happy than wise; but we do request that these happy souls inquire a bit into facts before they display their indifference to wisdom.

Montgomery Major.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

CHESS FOR YOU AND ME By Milton Hanauer; McKay (\$2.00).

Want to teach your school age son or daughter to play chess; think the job is too tough and don't know of a good book to turn the trick? OK... Send \$2 to the USCF Service Department for the latest of the McKay Chess Manual Series: "Chess for You and Me" by New York's keen chess player and successful teacher of chess in that city's school system, Milton Hanauer. Hanauer, veteran of many books on chess and many tournaments at Ventnor, has combined his years of teaching the game to school children to produce this really good book.

Written in a very breezy conversational style, based on running chatter of questions and answers (without all the unnecessary punctuation that makes so many efforts look so boring), the book really goes into chess in what appears to be the best method these days: teaching basic theory and concept, rather than "book lines" and unexplained rules and axioms.

Biggest surprise of all and a definite step in the right direction is the chess notation. The only reason this reviewer does not devote the entire column to that is I feel there will be many a long and loud argument on the point. The book is done entirely in algebraic! That is the one system Hanauer teaches and the one he uses in the book... while the book does open up many vistas of good chess playing possibilities for the novice, it leaves locked forever the treasury of recorded chess in English publications today.

But... It is time that someone did start toward making algebraic the language of chess in America. Pity is that Hanauer did not go the whole way and use the only true universal system that transcends all language barriers: the international correspondence method of number both the ranks and the files.

(For the benefit of non-correspondence chess players, be it said the international correspondence notation numbers QK1 as 11, QK1 as 21, QK1 as 31, Q1 as 41, K1 as 51, etc. QK2 therefore is 12, QK12 is 22, QK2 is 32, Q2 is 42, etc. So QK8 becomes 18, QK18, becomes 28, etc. The numbering is always from the White side of the board. Ed.)

Let us hope that also in these days of all-around mediocrity Reason is not wholly without partisans.

Emanuel Lasker

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Pardon Me!

Have you ever rode in or on an overcrowded vehicle and some male or female, who was "too fat for you," trod accidentally of course on one of your feet, that had on it a tender pet bunion or corn, and then in sweet apologetic voice ejaculated "pardon me"?

Of course you have had that experience and again possibly you have been on or in a similar crowded vehicle on a bad rainy or snowy day and once again some male or female, this time "too large for you" to handle, folding an open wet umbrella, again accidentally of course jabbed one of the ribs (of the umbrella, not the female) into one of your protruding ribs, and politely excused with a "pardon me!"

Of course you have and of course, being a gentleman or a lady, you grimacing with exquisite torture, said "certainly!"

And again of course you may have been the man whose best friend ran away with your wife and left a note saying "pardon me!" Of course to which you would chuckle "pardon me! You'll sure need a pardon. I am the one who has been pardoned!"

But now I ask you, have you ever been playing a game of chess with an opponent, to whom you hate to lose, and you have him in such a precarious position that you feel it in your bones mate must inevitably result; when you almost jump out of your skin at hearing the voice of some overwrought kibitzer on the sidelines excitedly exclaim: "for heaven's sake, don't do that or he'll mate you in three moves! Why don't you interpose your knight and double check him, and you'll have him gestutzt?" Of course you are dismayed, perturbed, aggravated and actually lost, when your opponent follows the kibitzer's advice.

But I'll wager your reaction to the kibitzer's interference is not a polite "pardon me!" And if you are willing to "pardon me!" I, for one, am willing to condone anything that you may do or say to the kibitzer!

And if you'll "pardon me" again I wish to venture the remark that there is not a region in the hereafter hot enough for the kibitzer's deserved and justifiable punishment. Why not join me in praying to the Lord to create one? And if our joint prayers be favorably answered, you must once again "pardon me" for "telling you" that what is going to happen to kibitzers shouldn't happen to a dog! If after reading this article anyone should query "Is that a problem?" I'm asking you "like a kibitzer?"

Problem No. 19

By Vincent Lanius Eaton
Washington, D. C.

Composed for Chess Life

Black: 6 men



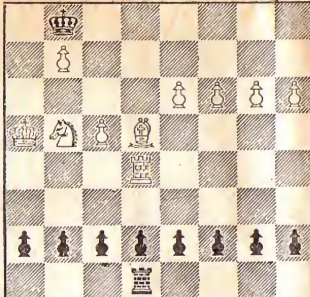
White: 8 men
8, S, 2Kd1p1, 2b1p1, 2p1s3, 2P4S, 4B3, 6S2
White mates in two moves.

Problem No. 20

By Vincent Lanius Eaton
Washington, D. C.

Composed for Chess Life

Black: 10 men



White: 10 men
1K6, 1P6, 4PPPP, KSPd4, 3B4, pppppppp, 3r4
White mates in three moves.

Our problem offerings in this issue are original compositions to the column by one of America's foremost problem composers, Vincent Lanius Eaton of Washington, D. C.

Early in the 1930's Mr. Eaton, then designated as Master Eaton, was a budding composer of great promise and a frequent contributor to the Cincinnati Enquirer Chess Column, of which at that time I was Chess Editor. At that time I recognized his genius and predicted a brilliant future for him in the composing field. At this time I am elated to comment that all the good things I prophesied regarding his ability and talent have been verified. In ordinary English this means "I told you so!" In substantiation of my esteem for Mr. Eaton's composing genius I offer (paraphrasing the advertising slogan of a popular auto): "When better (.....) problems are built (.....) Eaton will build them!" Excellency in problem construction and Eaton are practically synonymous.

I believe solvers who study the problems diagrammed above will agree that my laudation of Mr. Eaton is justified.

Solutions:

The keymove to Problem No. 15 is: 1. B-B3, a problem with a waiting key, numerous variations, cleverly constructed and a perfect 65.

Problem No. 16, a Fairy creation, is solved (a) as set by 1. K-B1, Q-Kt8; 2. K-K2 mate; (b.) White Grasshopper replacing White Rook on Kt8 is solved by 1. G-R8, G-Kt8; 2. Q-Kt2 mate.

Correction solutions to Problems No. 15 and 16 (Fairy problem) are acknowledged received from Jack Spence (Omaha, Neb.); Jack Bolton (New Haven, Conn.); N. Gabor (Cincinnati, O.)

Peter Korf (Grand Rapids, Mich.); A. E. Plueddemann (Akron, O.) correctly solved No. 15.

CHESS LIFE TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Two entries only from a composer. Contest closes June 10. Entries to be mailed to Problem Editor, Chess-Life, 123 East 7th Street, Newport, Ky. For task conditions refer to issues of CHESS LIFE, February 5, 20 or March 5.

The layman thinks that the superiority of the chess master lies in his ability to think out 3 or 4, or even 10 or 20, moves ahead. Those chess lovers who ask me how many moves I usually calculate in advance, when making a combination, are always astonished when I reply, quite truthfully, "as a rule not a single one." Formerly, in Anderssen's time, the ability to make combinations was in fact the very essence of chess talent. Since then, however, the chess mind has further developed, and the power of accurately calculating moves in advance has no greater place in chess than, perhaps, skillful calculation has in mathematics.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

I AM often asked why it is that New York City's chess players always seem to be well informed about the doings of the chess world. The answer can only be that New Yorkers can hardly fail to be well informed! A survey of the newspaper columns reveals that they have more chess news available, and more chess columns, than any other community in the U. S.

Best of the columnists is Hermann Helms, who writes for the Brooklyn Eagle, the Times, the Herald-Tribune and the Sun. The Eagle column deals with chess in the land of the Dodgers, while the Times and Tribune present adequate coverage of all important tournaments. The articles in the Sun, appearing at least four times a week, contain amazingly complete coverage of the game. These columns, reporting every chess event, include frequent game scores and analyses, make it necessary for CHESS LIFE to congratulate the newspaper and its chess reporter on a distinct and lasting contribution to American chess!

H. R. Bigelow, retired-metropolitan chess master, writes three traditional columns for the Post each week. Problems, endings, news and games fill his rather short columns, with frequent local items and regular coverage of chess events at Mr. Bigelow's New York Athletic Club.

Most recent addition to the field is a weekly column in PM by Al Horowitz, which features chess for the novice, including rudimentary opening traps and such features as have lately engrossed the beginners among Chess Review's readers.

All in all, the available chess fare is diverse and filling, providing yet another reason for New York's continuing supremacy in national chess.

For The Tournament-Minded

Note: Entrance fees are uniformly \$5.00 in every Area Tournament to USCF members. (Non-members may participate by including \$1.00 for USCF dues with their regular entry fee.)

March 27-April 3

Area 6 U. S. Preliminaries
Los Angeles, Calif.

Play will be held at Hollywood Chess Club, 108 N. Formosa Ave., Los Angeles 36, Calif.; for details write Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, 1256 W. Seventh St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

April 3-4

Area 2 U. S. Preliminaries
Philadelphia, Penn.

Will be played at Franklin Chess Club, S.W. corner of 11th and Spruce Sts., Philadelphia; for details write Isaac Ash, 1636 Walnut Street, Philadelphia; entries must be in by March 29th.

March 27-28

Kentucky Junior Championship
Louisville, Kentucky

Will be played in Louisville; entry fee .50c; age limit 21 years old; for details write to J. Mayer, 233 East Madison, Louisville 2, Ky.

April 8

C. C. L. A.

Walter F. James Memorial
Experimental Tournament
(Correspondence Chess)

Entry fee \$2.00 open to CCLA members only; membership dues \$3.50; write Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa.

May 1

1948 Annual Gambit Tournament
(Correspondence Chess)

Entry fee .50c; only to CCLA members; membership dues \$3.50, including subscription to The Chess Correspondent.



John D. French

Squeeze Play

IT USUALLY requires anywhere from 30 to 50 moves to achieve the paralyzing positional bind so dear to the heart of the modern player. Rare indeed is a game like the following one, in which a player is reduced to complete immobility in 20 moves! Even more remarkable is the fact that Black is not the victim of brilliant sacrificial play. White's moves are quiet, but they speak volumes.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Rotterdam, 1929

White
S. LANDAU
1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. Kt-K3
4. Kt-B3
5. B-K5
6. P-K3
7. B-B3
8. B-Q3

Black
TEN KATE
P-Q4
P-QB3
Kt-B3
P-K3
B-K2
QKt-Q2
O-O

So far the game has been ultra-Orthodox; but now, instead of the regulation 8 PxP; 9 BxP, Kt-Q4 there follows a weak move which leads to trouble.

8 P-QK3
Unless Black is very careful, he may find himself burdened with a weakness on the QB file.

9 PxP Kt-P?
Not good, as it opens up the file for White's powerfully posted Rook.

9 KPxP should have been tried. Or if 10 BxB; 11 Kt-Kt4, P-QB4; 12 B-K4 winning the exchange.

11 BxB QxB
12 B-B7! Q-Ktch

Black finds his opponent's iron grip on the QB file extremely irksome. Thus if 12 Q-Q3; 13 Q-B2, Kt-B3; 14 Kt-K5 and Black's Bishop is still unable to come out!

13 Q-Q2 Q-Qch
14 K-Q P-Q3
Simplification has brought no relief. If 14 Kt-B3; 15 Kt-K5 and again the Bishop has no exit for development.

15 KR-QB1 R-Q1
16 R(1)-B6 P-R3
17 R-Q6 K-B1
18 Kt-K5 Resigns

Tighter and tighter: the bind proceeds apace.

18 K-K1
Or 18 K-K2; 19 RXP and Black's situation is hopeless.

19 Kt-B6 P-QR4
If 19 P-QKt4 (what else); 20 P-QKt4 and Black is strangled.

20 B-Kt5! Resigns

Any move of a piece will cost Black a piece at least. As soon as his Pawn moves are exhausted, he will have to lose a piece all the same.

20 B-Kt5! Resigns

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20 B-Kt5! Resigns

20 B-Kt5! Resigns

20 B-Kt5! Resigns

20 B-Kt5! Resigns

20 B-Kt5! Resigns

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20 B-Kt5! Resigns

World Championship

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2)

However, as the tournament rules provided that there would be no replacements of the original entrants, the USA would have been left with only one competitor even if Fine had announced his withdrawal at an earlier date. This is surely a great pity, as we have at least three first-class players who could have substituted worthily for Fine.

In any event, we can only wonder when we read that the Russian competitors were accompanied by a delegation of 21, including at least one first-rate master (Ragozin). Presumably these travellers are not making the trip for the purpose of broadening their minds. One will doubtless be delegated to analyze middle games, another endings, a third to advise on the Ruy Lopez, a fourth on the King's Gambit, etc.

The Book of Samuel tells us that David slew Goliath with a stone from a sling. Whether the modern Samuel can prevail against the three Soviet masters' plus their 21 assistants, is more than doubtful!

THIRD ROUND

In the third round the play continued to be sprightly—and why not?—either you land first place in this tournament, or it doesn't matter what you do. Of course, once the half-way mark is reached, the players will be divided into two camps: those who have a chance for first prize and those who haven't. It is reasonable to forecast that the players in the second group are naturally likely to relax their efforts.

Reshevsky started with a strange opening, taking two moves to get his Queen's Pawn to Q4—doubtless to get away from the books. The loss of time did not seem to do him any harm, and he obtained a good development. At an early stage he began a Queen-side attack which left some weaknesses in Black's camp, but Keres seemed to have everything well defended. Beginning with his injudicious 22 P-B4 he loosened up his position too much; and, playing beautiful chess, Reshevsky began to infiltrate. By dint of clever maneuvering he won a Pawn, after which a decisive invasion in one form or another could not be prevented by Keres. The later waited for the sealed move, and later resigned without sealing.

Against Smyslov, Botvinnik chose a form of the Gruenfeld Defense of which he is very fond, although it gives Black a badly cramped game. Playing the variation for all it is worth, Botvinnik skillfully kept the ball rolling, always finding some counterattack in spite of his cramped position. Ultimately, Smyslov won a Pawn, but, as so often happens in such positions, Botvinnik's pieces had sprung into action: the extra Pawn could not be held, and a draw was soon agreed. A well contested game.

SAVE THESE DATES!

July 5—July 17

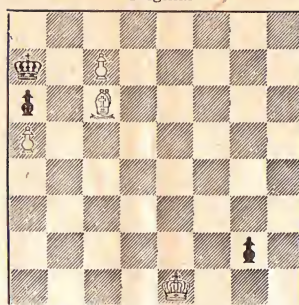
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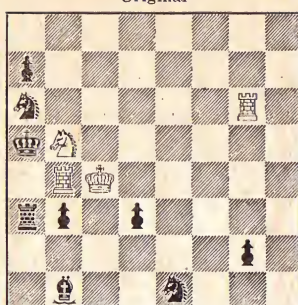
Remembering that ancient Persia was one of the cradles of chess in its infancy, only the bold and skilled are advised to accept this gallant challenge. Mr. Ali Safdas may be addressed at 34 Shaibani St., Pahlavi Ave., Teheran, Iran.

Position No. 9
By Guillelmo Groesser
Original



S, KtP5, p1B5, P7, S, S, 6p1, 4K3
White plays and wins.

Position No. 10
By Guillelmo Groesser
Original



S, p7, sQr1, kS6, 1Rk5, rPl4, 6p1, 1b2s3
White plays and wins.

White To Play And Win!

There are many tricks and ruses to end-game play, but the theory usually resolves itself into keeping the opponent hopping by a series of threats or checks that restrict the freedom of his maneuvering. Position No. 9 is a quiet and extremely simple idea to illustrate a conception frequently overlooked in end-game study and over-board play. The problem is to stop Black's Pawn without giving a stalemate. Position No. 10 is a heavier setting in which check and threat of mate prevent Black from asserting his preponderance in force.

Solutions will be published in the April 20th issue.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

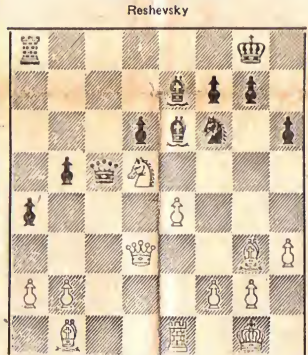
RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 1

White
V. SMYSLOV
1. P-K4
2. Kt-KB3
3. B-K5
4. B-R4
5. P-Q4
6. P-K3
7. B-B3
8. P-R3
9. P-KR4
10. B-B2
11. P-Q4
12. QKt-Q2
13. PxP
14. Kt-Kt3

Black
S. RESHEVSKY
P-R5
B-Q2
KR-B1
Q-Kt1
Kt-QR4
BxR
P-R3
Kt-B3
Kt-QP
PxK4
Q-R2
B-K3
Q-B4
BxKt

After 28. Kt-Q5



29. PxP R-R2
30. R-Q1 R-B2
31. B-K5 P-Kt3
32. P-R3 QxQP
33. BxKt QxQ
34. BxQ BxB
35. BxQKtP BxP

36. R-Q3
37. BxP
38. B-Kt3
39. R-KB3
40. BxP
41. RxB
Drawn

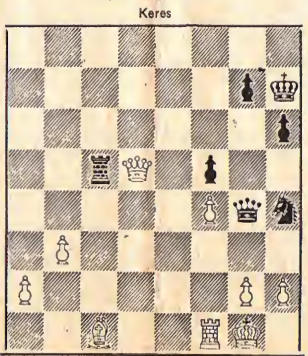
RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 1

White
DR. EUWE
1. P-K4
2. Kt-KB3
3. B-K5
4. B-R4
5. P-Q4
6. P-K3
7. B-B3
8. QKt-Q2
9. Kt-B4
10. P-Q4
11. Kt-K3
12. Kt-Q5
13. Kt-Kt3
14. Kt-B4 ch
15. P-B3
16. Kt-Kt3
17. B-K3
18. Q-Q2
19. B-Q4

Black
P. KERES
Q-Q2
B-R5
QxB
P-KB3
K-R2
Q-Q2
P-Kt4
RXP
P-Q4
Q-Kt5
R-Q6
Kt-R5
P-B4
P-B3
R-QB6
R-B4

After 37. R-B4



38. Q-Q2 RxB
39. P-KR3
40. Q-Kt6 ch would have been more decisive.

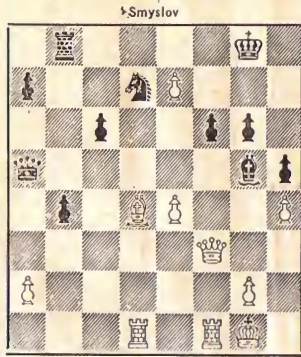
GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 2

White
P. KERES
1. P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3
3. Kt-B3
4. P-K3
5. P-Q4
6. PxP
7. B-B4
8. P-Q4
9. Q-Kt3
10. PxKt
11. B-R3
12. QxB
13. P-K4
14. Q-Kt3

Black
V. SMYSLOV
P-B4
QR-Q1
P-B5
P-Kt5
R-K2
PxQP
KtXP
P-B5
Q-KR3
P-B6
BxKt
P-B3
Kt-Q2
Resigns

After 27. P-KR4



15. P-B5
16. Q-KR3
17. P-B6
18. BxKt
19. P-B3
20. Kt-Q2
Resigns

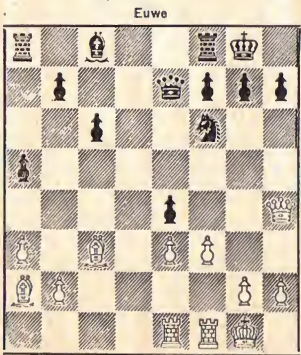
QGD (SEMI-SLAV)

World Championship, Round 2

White
M. BOTVINNIK
1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. Kt-KB3
4. Kt-B3
5. P-K3
6. B-Q3
7. P-QR3
8. B-Q2
9. B-Q2
10. BxP

Black
DR. EUWE
P-Q4
P-K3
Kt-KB3
Kt-K4
P-QR4
Kt-B3
P-K5
Kt-K5
P-K5
Q-K2
P-K3

After 20. P-B3



21. QxQ
22. PxP
23. R-Q1
24. R-Q6
25. R-B2
26. P-K5

27. P-K4
28. P-K6
29. QxP
30. RxB
31. P-K7 ch
32. B-Q5
Resigns

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

HOLLAND: The Xth International Congress of Beverwyck. Each year this little town (near Haarlem) organizes an international tournament. Last year 338 players took part! This year 204 players took part, coming from every corner of Holland and the Continent. They were divided into four groups of 10 players; three groups of 8; four groups of 6 and 29 groups of 4 players (so-called short tournaments for those who could only get the week-end off to play!).

The International tournament had the following result: 1. L. Prins (Holland) 6½ pts.; Th. D. v. Scheltinga (Holland) 6 pts.; 3-4. N. Rossolimo (France) and Jr. H. J. v. Steenis (Holland) 5 pts. each; 5. A. O'Kelly de Galway (Belgium) 4½ pts.; 6-7. 7. Hennekerke (Holland) and B. H. Wood (England) 4 pts. each; 8-9. Kottner (Czechoslovakia) and N. Cortlever (Holland) 3½ pts. each; and 10. H. Kramer (Holland) 3 pts.

Here's a game from this tournament: Gruenfeld Defense; White: B. H. Wood; Black: L. Prins. 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-Kt3; 3. Kt-QB3, P-Q4; 4. Kt-B3, B-Kt2; 5. Q-Kt3, PxP; 6. QxBP, O-O; 7. P-K4, Kt-QR3.

This and some of the following moves shows the original style of Prins. Boleslavski recommends here 7. P-Kt3; whereas Smyslov played against Kotov (XIV Russian Championship, 1945) and against Botvinnik (Groningen, 1946); 7. B-Kt5, followed by 8. B-K2, Kt-QB3?; 9. P-Q5. He lost both games. After 7. P-Kt3 can follow P-K5! and if then 8. B-K3 or QR3; 9. PxKt! BxQ; 10. PxP, KxP; 11. BxB as in the game Horenstein-Roysonson, Kiev, 1947, that White won easily.

8. P-K5, Kt-Q2; 9. P-K6, Kt-Kt3!; 10. PxP ch, K-R1; 11. Q-Kt3, P-B4; 12. BxKt, PxP; 13. B-KB4, PxP; 14. QR-Q1, B-Kt5; 15. Kt-K2, BxKt; 16. QxB, P-K4; 17. B-Kt3, Q-K2 (More precise here would have been 17. Kt-B5 threatening Q-R4 ch and KtxKtP.); 18. O-O, QR-B1; 19. Q-K4, Kt-B5; 20. KtxQP, QxBP; 21. Kt-B3, KtxKtP; 22. KtxP, Q-B4; 23. QxQ, PxQ; 24. QR-K1, P-B5; 25. B-R4, R-B7; 26. P-B3, KR-B4; 27. Kt-Q7, B-Q5 ch; 28. K-R1 (not 28. Bt2, RxB; 29. RxB, BxR ch; 30. KxB, Kt-Q6 ch, etc.); B-K6; 29. R-QKt1, K-Kt2; 30. B-K1, Kt-Q6; 31. P-Kt4, R-QKt4; 32. B-R4, RxQR; 33. QR-Q1, Kt-B7 ch; 34. BxKt, BxB; 35. R-Q6, B-K6; 36. R-K1, R(K)-K7; White resigned.

ARGENTINE: The 8th International tournament at Mar La Plata will take place the end of March. Six Argentine masters and many European masters, amongst them: Alexander, Eliskases, Najdorf, O'Kelly, Stahlberg and Pachman, will compete. Denker is also invited. According to a news item from Europe I hear that Pachman is laid up in a hospital in Prague and has cancelled his participation. BELGIUM: The championship of the Club des Echecs des Gand ended in a victory for Is. De Vries with 5½-1½; 2 and 3 were G. De Wolf and G. van Hoorde 4½-2½ each.

ENGLAND beat Australia in a radio match 7 to 3. Here are the detailed results:

England	Australia
C. Alexander	I. Steiner
H. Golembek	C. J. S. Purdy
R. J. Broadbent	G. Kosintzky
G. T. Crown	Dr. M. Gellis
W. Winter	M. E. Goldstein
P. S. Milner-Barry	F. Cowell
P. A. Fairhurst	M. Grew
J. M. Aitken	B. Y. Mills
Abrahams	H. Kloss
R. H. Newman	S. Karolyi

YUGO-SLAVIA: I have been asked to give the full result of the championship (Please turn to page 4, col. 5)

Saturday, March 20, 1948

DUTCH DEFENSE

Manhattan Chess Club Championship Finals, New York, 1948

Notes by Bela Rozsa

White: DR. DUTKA Black: SIFF
 1. Kt-KB3 P-KB4 7. Kt-B3 P-B3
 2. P-Q4 P-K3 8. Q-B2 Q-K1
 3. P-KK1 Kt-KB3 9. B-K15 Q-R4
 4. B-K12 B-K2 10. B-K1 Bx8
 5. P-B4 Q-0 11. PXP KPXP
 6. Q-0 P-Q4

MCO puts a (?) mark behind this move and states 11..... BXP should have been played as White can start breaking up Black's Q-side by playing P-QK4. The plan would seem logical.

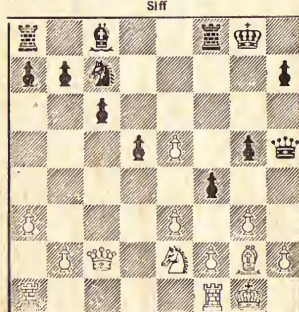
12. P-K3
 The idea behind Black's defense is an attack on White's K-side. But this attack must be better prepared than in the text.

13. Kt-K2
 To prevent Black from playing P-B5. But why worry about it when he can play P-QK4 with good prospects.

14. Kt-R3
 The usual procedure here is Kt-Q2 and Kt3 but since White cannot play P-QK4, Black can now play this move and land on B2 where he will be better posted.

15. Kt-K5
 A wasted move.
 16. PxB P-B5?
 After 16..... P-B5?

SIF



Premature! This involves Black in an unhappy combination. He is thinking about opening White's KK1 file at the cost of the exchange. This is too speculative when his pieces are not in full operation yet. Kt-R1 would have been a better continuation.

17. PXP PXP 19. PXP B-B4
 18. KtXP R-K4 20. Q-Q1
 Q-K13 looks more to the point.

20. Q-R3 21. Q-K13 K-R1
 Had the K been played here before, the sacrifice might have been more effective.

22. QR-K1 Kt-K3 23. R-P1
 Since White cannot defend the P, he mobilizes his pieces most effectively.

23. KtXP 24. KR-K1 P-Q5
 This puts the White R just in the right place. But what else can Black plan?

24. Q-Q5 ch. K-K3 25. B-B1 Q-R4
 26. QXP R-KB1 27. Q-Q6
 28. QxBP P-Q6
 White's defense is adequate and he is not worried over the advance of the QP. He will pick it off at his leisure.

29. Q-Q4 31. BXP
 He decides to give back the exchange since he has three P advantage.

32. R-K1 Kt-R6 ch. Q-K5 ch. K-K12
 33. R-K3 R-K1 ch. Q-K6 ch. K-B1
 34. R-K3 P-R5 41. Q-K6 ch. K-B1
 35. R-K3 ch. KxR 42. Q-B6 ch. K-K1
 36. Q-Q5 ch. K-K3 43. Q-K6 ch. K-B1
 37. Q-K7 ch. K-K1 44. Q-R6 ch. K-K1

White may have been in time trouble, that is why the repetition of moves. But the rest is a matter of routine.

45. P-R7 ch. K-B2 46. Q-Q2 ch. K-B3
 47. Q-K5 ch. K-K2 48. Q-B3 ch. QxQ
 49. Q-K5 ch. K-Q2 50. PXP Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Intercollegiate Individual Championship, New York, 1947

Notes by J. B. Gee

White: A. LARSEN Black: S. WEINSTEIN
 (Yale) (Y.U.)

1. P-K4 P-QB4 5. Kt-QB3 P-QR3
 2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 6. B-K2 P-K4
 3. P-Q4 PXP 7. Kt-K13 P-R3
 4. KtXP Kt-KB3

On his next move Black plays B-K2 and since the B can go no further, why prevent the pin?

8. P-B4
 P-K13 is rather new, and it doesn't disrupt Black's undesirable P-formations. White's Q-side needs attention.

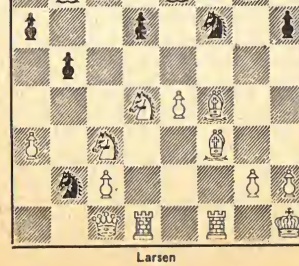
9. Q-0 B-K2 13. B-K3 R-B1
 10. K-R1 P-QK4 15. B-K2 R-B1
 11. P-QR3 B-K2 16. B-B3 PXP

12. B-B3
 White's P should have gone to B5 earlier. Now Black opens up the game.

17. BXP Kt-K4 18. QR-Q1 Kt-B5
 That horse looks dangerous.

19. Q-B1 Q-B2 20. Kt-Q4 KtXP
 After 20..... KtXP

Weinstein



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Tournament Life

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21. Kt(4)XP
 This loses a piece. QxK1 would be better.
 22. KtXP QXP 24. RxB QxQ
 25. P-K4 R-K3 26. BxR Kt-B5
 Black now mops up.
 27. R-Q4 Kt-K4 33. R-K8 ch. K-R2
 28. R-K4 KtB 34. P-QR8 Kt-R4
 29. P-K4 R-Q4 35. P-K4 K-K3
 30. P-K1 R-Q5 ch. 36. R5 K-B3
 31. Kt-K2 RxB 37. P-R6 K-K4
 32. P-KR4 R-Q8 38. P-R7 K-B5
 The march is safe from B4 check and he also helps form a mating net.
 39. P-K5 R-R7 ch. 40. R-K3 KxP
 Resigns

RUY LOPEZ

Manhattan Chess Club Championship Finals, New York, 1948

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White: C. PILNICK Black: A. BISGUISER
 1. P-K4 P-K4 5. Q-0 B-K2
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 6. Q-K2 P-QK4
 3. B-K15 P-QB3 7. B-K13 Q-0
 4. P-K4 Kt-B3 8. P-B3

8. P-QR4 is more forcing.
 9. P-Q4
 Offering a gambit which is difficult to meet in over board play.

10. P-Q3 P-Q5
 Intending to answer 10. PXP with 10..... B-KK5?; 11. P-Q5, Kt-Q5 when Black has a winning attack is hence White's reply.

10. P-KR3 B-K3
 A good move—what else can he do with this?

11. BxB
 Rather uninspired. 11. PXP gives more play (if then 11..... BxB7; 12. PXP wins a P.)

12. B-K2
 Pointless, as Black's reply indicates. Best seems 12. PXP and if 12..... PXP; 13. Kt-B2 followed by P-B4. Or if 12..... KtXP; 13. Kt-K2, QxK1; 14. B-K3, Q-K2; 15. R-B1, Kt-Q2 with a difficult game for both sides.

12. Kt-KR4 13. B-Q2
 White sees the error of his ways if 13. BxB, Kt-B5! assures Black much the better game.

13. Q-K1 14. R-B1 B-B4
 White's game is in a bad way; his Q-side is undeveloped, his QP may become backward.

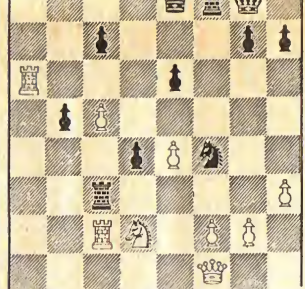
If now 15. PXP, KtXP!
 15. P-QK4
 Allows Black to open up the game favorably. But—what to do?

15. PXP 17. QKtXP Kt-B5
 16. PxB PxB 18. Q-B1 R-Q1
 At last White has the unfortunate Kt on f1; but the QR file is blocked, and Black has pressure on the feeble QP.

19. P-QR4
 The QP is a goner. Try this, for example: 19. R-B3, R-B2; 20. R-Q1, R-Q2; 21. Kt-K1, Q-K13; 22. R-K1, QXP! or 22. P-K13, QXP!

20. PXP 22. KtXP P-K1
 21. R-R6 Kt-Q5 23. R-B2 R-QB6
 After 23..... R-QB6

Bisguier



Pilnick

Wall played. Black makes effective use of his pressure.
 24. (R6)-R2 Q-B3 25. R(R2)-K12 Kt-Q6
 Another good move.
 26. RxB 27. R-K13 QxBP
 It's all over, Bisguier, one of our up-and-coming youngsters, shows to good advantage in this well-played game.

28. QxK1 QXP ch. 34. QXP R-Q1
 29. R-K2 Q-B5 ch. 35. R-Q1 Q-Q4
 30. K-R1 P-K1 36. Q-K2 P-B4
 31. R-K1 Q-B7 37. R-B2 P-B5
 32. R-K2 Q-K3 38. R-KB1 P-K4
 33. Q-QK13 QXP Resigns

RUY LOPEZ

Intercollegiate Individual Championship, New York, 1947

Notes by E. J. Korpany

White: A. CRIVOS Black: F. S. HOWARD
 (Syracuse) (U. C. E.)

1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-K15 P-KB4
 2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 3. B-K15 P-KB4

Giving promise of a lively game. Black avoids the well-known lines and enters fields not too well charted.

4. P-Q3
 An alternative is 4. Kt-QB3 which offers possibilities of lively play.

4. PXP Kt-KB3 6. Kt-QB3 B-K15
 Unless it was Black's intention to capture the Kt after White castles, this B is better placed at B4.

7. Q-0
 If 7..... BxK1, it is best to follow up with 8. P-Q3. If instead 8..... KtXP; 9. Q-K1, Kt-B3; 10. BxK1, QxK1; 11. QXP ch. Q-K2; 12. R-K1 gives White the upper hand.

8. B-K15 P-Q3 10. KtKt1
 9. Kt-Q5 B-B4

Having castled on the K-side, it is very often dangerous to open up the opponent's KK1 file. But in this case Black has little prospect of using it for a long time.

10. R-K1
 Moving the R to B2 is taboo. 12. B-B4 would kill it.

12. B-B4 ch. K-R1
 Well done. 12..... B-K3 is answered by the crushing 13. Kt-Q4, threatening mate or winning a piece, viz: 13..... B-K3; 13. Kt-Q4, Q-Q2; 14. Q-K4 ch. K-R1; 15. KtBx threatening 16. B-K7 ch. K-K1; 17. KtBx or 17. RxBP ch.

13. Kt-BP4 ch. B-K3 15. Q-K4 R-K2
 14. BxB RxB 16. Kt-B5 Q-Q2
 The only move. If 16..... R-B2 or Q2; 17. B-K7 ch. Kt-K1; 18. Kt-R6 mate.
 17. Q-R5 R-B2 18. P-QB3
 To prevent the strong Kt-Q5.

Moving 18..... R-KK1 to be followed, at the

proper time, by R-K5 and then Kt-K2 would be better at this point.

19. QR-Q1 R-Q2 22. R-K13 RxR
 20. Q-R4 Q-K3 23. QxP Q-KK1
 21. R-Q3 R-KK1 24. QxQ ch. KxQ

The middle game is now ended. Black has weathered the storm, and the end-game is about to drift in.

22. P-KR4 K-B2 26. P-KK14 Kt-K2
 Anxious to rid himself of the well-placed White pieces.

27. R-Q1
 Evidently played to prevent 27..... P-Q4.

27. KtXP Kt-K1 30. BxB KxB
 28. P-KP1 P-Q4 31. P-KB3 K-K2
 29. P-QK14 B-B1 32. K-B2 K-Q3
 Instead 32..... P-QK14 would hold the Q-side.

33. P-QB4 P-Q5 35. P-K15 P-QK13
 34. K-K2 P-QB4 36. P-QR4
 Unnecessary and a loss of time. 36. K-Q3 is more to the point.

36. R-KK12 37. R-KK1 P-KR4
 Better is 37..... P-K13 and, by holding the R on the KK1 file, the White K-side P's could be held in check.

38. P-K15 PXP
 Otherwise 39. P-K16 would follow. That would constrict Black's movements considerably.

39. PXP R-K1 40. K-Q3 K-K2
 After 40..... K-K2



Here Black could try for a draw by advancing the KRP. It would be profitable to give up the R for White's KRP. The following shows the danger to White in attempting to force a win with his two Ps. 40..... P-R5;

41. K-K4, P-R6; 42. P-R4, PXP; 43. KxP, R-R7; 44. R-K11, R-R1; 45. P-K16 (of course); 45. P-B6, K-B3; 46. K-K5, R-R6; 47. P-B6 ch. K-B1; 48. P-K7 ch. K-B2; 49. R-K1, R-K16 ch; 50. K-B4, R-K8 and White is through.

41. K-K4 K-B2 42. KxP
 The beginning of the end.

42. R-K1 ch. 43. R-K12 K-K4
 43. K-B4 P-R5 48. R-K2 K-B2
 44. K-K4 P-R1 49. R-K6 R-O1
 45. R-K3 R-R4 50. KxP P-Q6
 46. P-B4 R-R1

His last hope.
 51. P-K16 ch. K-K12
 Superior. It gives White a valuable tempo and hastens Black's defeat. 51..... K-B1 is better for it forces White to defend for a while though his Ps are too much to overcome.

51..... K-B1; 52. R-K1, P-Q7; 53. R-Q1, R-Q5; 54. R-K12, P-Q5; 55. P-B6, R-K16 ch; 56. K-B3, R-Q6; 57. P-B7, R-Q3; 58. K-K5, K-K12; 59. P-B5, R-Q3; 60. P-B6, R-Q6; 61. R-K11, R-K16 ch; 62. K-B5, R-B6; 63. R-K5, R-K6 ch; 64. K-B4 and the mate cannot be stopped.

52. K-K5
 The R move is not necessary. 52. R-K7 ch. K-K1 (not 52..... K-B3 or R3 because of 53. R-B7 or R7 mate); 53. P-B6, P-Q7; 54. R-K7 ch. R-K1; 55. R-K7 ch. K-K1; 56. P-R7 ch. K-B1; 57. R-R5 ch. K-B2; 58. RxR ch. wins.

52. P-Q7 53. P-B6 ch. Resigns
 Further resistance is useless. If 53..... R-K1; 54. P-B7, R-K12; 55. R-R3, BxR; 56. P-R7 ch. P-Q8 ch and White mates in two.

53. R-K1 54. P-B7 ch. K-K12 (not 54..... K-B1; 55. K-B6 and mate next move); 55. R-K8 and we have the same as before.

55..... K-B1; 56. P-K17 ch. K-B2; 57. R-K7 ch. K-K1; 58. K-K6 and wins. A good game, especially by the winner.

VIENNA GAME

Elmira Chess Club vs. Endicott-Johnson Chess Club Team Match, 1948

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White: A. D. PIPER Black: S. T. HANUS
 1. P-K4 P-K4 4. P-Q2 B-K15
 2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 5. B-KK15 Q-0
 3. B-B4 Kt-B3

This move seems premature. More customary here is 5..... P-K13; 6. BxK1, BxK1 ch; 7. PxR QxB with an even game.

6. Kt-K2 P-KR3 11. Q-QB4 B-K15
 7. BxK1 QxB 11. Q-Q2 P-B4
 8. Q-0 BxK1 12. QxB Q-K2
 9. PxB P-Q3 13. P-OR4

13. Q-R1
 Serves no useful purpose. Black should remove his K out of the B's diagonal by R-R2 and then proceed with P-K13, Q-Q2, Kt-K2, P-B3 and finally with P-Q4 to break in the center.

14. P-B5 Q-K17
 After 14..... Q-B3 White will have enormous difficulties in getting his attack started while the text move is actually an invitation for the following:

15. P-B6 P-KK13 17. R-B3
 16. Q-K3 K-R2

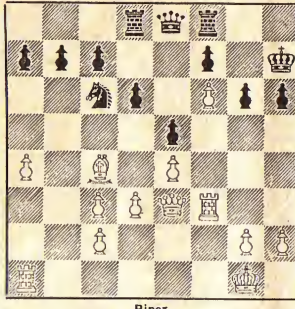
Solutions:
 End Game Positions 5 and 6
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No. 5 by H. Rinck: 1. KtB6 ch. K-R1; 2. B-K4, R-Q3; 3. K-B7; R(3)-Q8 (if 3..... R(3)-Q8; 4. Kt-Q5 ch. K-R3; 5. Kt-K5 draws); 4. Kt-K4 (or Q4) ch. K-R2; 5. Kt-B6 ch. K-R3; 6. Q-B3 ch. RxB; 7. Kt-K4 ch. K moves; 8. Kt-K4 draws. There are several pretty variations aside from the main line; and White has many attractive tries which are not quite good enough.

No. 6 by L. Prokes: 1. R-KR1 (if 1. R-K8 ch. KxP; 2. R-KR8, R-KR6 and Black wins); B-B5 (not 2. R-R6; 3. R-K12 and draw); 2. R-R5 ch. KxP; 4. R-KB8, R-K4; 5. P-K4 and draws, as Black must lose a B.

After 17. R-B3

Hanus



17. P-QR3?
 The Black pieces sit motionless to await the arrival of the enemy like the Roman Senators did in front of their houses. He could at least try 17..... R-KK1; 18. R-R3, Q-R1; 19. BxP! R-Q2; 20. R-Q1, R-Q1; 21. R-KK1, Q-K1; 22. R(1)-B3! and now White threatens mate in three moves with RxP ch, QxR, R-R3 etc. But at least Black could have tried:

18. R-R3 P-KR4 19. RxB ch! Resigns
 If 19..... PxR, then 20. Q-K15, R-KK1; 21. QxRP mate.

19. RxB ch! Resigns
 If 19..... PxR, then 20. Q-K15, R-KK1; 21. QxRP mate.

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 If 19..... PxR, then 20. Q-K15, R-KK1; 21. QxRP mate.



BOTVINNIK MAINTAINS LEAD

RESHEVSKY, KERES IN TIE; SMYSLOV HOLDS CLOSE THIRD

*At Mar del Plata Eliskases Leads;
Denker in Tie for Fifth Place*

By Fred Reinfeld

SPECIAL: Sammy Reshevsky apparently staged one of his greatest feats of desperate resistance in drawing his adjourned game with Euwe. The game, put down by everyone as a loss for the American, ended in a draw after 57 moves. The complete standings at the end of ten rounds are: Botvinnik 6-2; Reshevsky 4½-3½; Keres and Smyslov 4-4; Euwe 1½-6½. The scene now shifts to Moscow, where play will be resumed April 11. Botvinnik enters the new phase with a substantial lead, and it will be interesting to see whether he can maintain his hot pace. There will be 15 more rounds of play in Moscow, with 12 games to be played by each contestant. Reshevsky has done well to hold second place—his battles with the clock must be terrific. Smyslov has done better than this writer expected—chiefly because he held Botvinnik to a draw in both their individual games.

After nine rounds of the World Championship, Mikhail Botvinnik was still in undisputed first place.

Botvinnik's play is not brilliant in this contest but it has the chief asset any player can have in such a contest: he blunders the least, and seems to have the steadiest nerves. Thus far he has avoided defeat, winning three games and drawing six games.

Reshevsky has inched nearer to Botvinnik, being tied for second with Keres and still within reaching distance of the leader. The next few rounds must either break the tension; Botvinnik may draw away from the field, or the tournament may become a wide-open struggle of three, and possibly, four players. Smyslov is doing well so far, possibly because he has less to lose than the three men ahead of him, and consequently undergoes less mental strain.

The expected break came in the 10th round, with Botvinnik battering Keres to a pulp. Reshevsky played very risky chess against Euwe and is expected to lose. Thus Botvinnik has widened his lead tremendously.

Mar del Plata

After ten rounds in the Mar del Plata Tournament, Erich Eliskases of Austria was leading with 8-2. As his score includes victories over Naidorf and Stahlberg, it seems likely that Eliskases will go on to win the tournament. The Spanish Champion Medina has been doing remarkably well, and is in second place with 7-3. The two European stars O'Kelly and Szabo both started badly—perhaps the after-effects of their long trip. O'Kelly soon recovered and is well up with the leaders (he is in fourth place); but poor Szabo is still in the second division. The USA representative, Arnold S. Denker, started off well, winning two and drawing six games in the first eight rounds. This gave him a score of 5-3 and landed him well near the top. But in the ninth and tenth rounds he struck a bad patch, losing to Gulmard and Rossetto. So even is the graduation of the score table that even after these misfortunes Denker is tied with six players for fifth place!

Fred Reinfeld

Special: 12th Round: Erich Eli-

skases continued to set the pace by defeating USA representative Arnold S. Denker in 38 moves. Medina is still right behind the leader, having beaten Castillo. Stahlberg, after losing to Eliskases and Naidorf, turned around and defeated Szabo, the Hungarian star. In the 11th round Eliskases increased his lead by winning from Michel. Naidorf, who has been doing very badly, smashed Stahlberg. Denker lost his third straight game to Medina. Leading scores:

Eliskases	10-2	Luksis	5½-6½
Medina	9-3	Maderna	5½-6½
Stahlberg	7½-4½	Michel	5½-6½
Naidorf	7-5	Szabo	5½-6½
Rossetto	7-5	Denker	5-7
O'Kelly	6½-5½	Freitas	4½-7½
Botvinnik	6-6	Sanguinetti	4½-7½
Pilnik	6-6½	Castillo	4-8
Gulmard	5½-6½	Olivera	3½-8½

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

STANDINGS (TEN ROUNDS)	
Botvinnik	6-2
Reshevsky	4½-3½
Keres	4-4
Smyslov	4-4
Euwe	1½-6½

ROUND FOUR

Botvinnik 1, Reshevsky 0; Nimzoidian, 33 moves. Euwe 0, Smyslov 1; Ruy Lopez, 42 moves. Keres, bye.

ROUND FIVE

Reshevsky 1, Euwe 0; QGD (Meran), 41 moves. Botvinnik 1, Keres 0; Queen's Pawn, 58 moves. Smyslov, bye.

ROUND SIX

Reshevsky ½, Smyslov ½; Slav, 42 moves. Keres ½, Euwe ½; Ruy Lopez, 34 moves. Botvinnik, bye. (Please Turn to Page 4, Col. 5)



Photo: St. Petersburg News Service

Mrs. Mary Bain demonstrates her skill at St. Petersburg by winning fourteen games and drawing five in a twenty-five board simultaneous exhibition at the St. Petersburg, Fla. Chess Divan. Seated right is E. A. McGinnes who won his game; standing is Albert Hamilton who drew.

SOUTH FALLSBURG IS HOST TO BIENNIAL CHAMPIONSHIP U. S. Masters And Experts To Play In Vacation Paradise of N. Y. State

The date is set for August 10 to August 31 when the few seeded Masters and the host of qualified Experts who have survived the test of the seven Area Preliminary Tournaments will meet to decide the 1948 U. S. Championship Title.

According to the announcement of Richard W. Wayne, Chairman of the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee, this exciting battle will be staged in the vacationland of Sullivan County, New York at the town of South Fallsburg.

First honors for bringing this important event to South Fallsburg must be conferred upon A. C. Balducci, manager of the Rivoli Theater, for it was Mr. Balducci who made South Fallsburg and the whole of Sullivan County chess conscious a little more than a year ago by a one man campaign that was remarkable in its lasting results (See CHESS LIFE, February 20, 1947 and April 20, 1947). Mr. Balducci not only established chess clubs and taught chess players, but he won his way into print with two chess columns in two different Sullivan County newspapers—an achievement that many a more established chess community cannot duplicate.

Details will be forthcoming in future issues of CHESS LIFE concerning the U. S. Championship Tournament, but its location in such an ideal spot for an August outing and the glowing enthusiasm of Sullivan County and South Fallsburg for chess are guarantees of the fact that the Seventh Biennial U. S. Championship Tournament will be an outstanding event in American chess history.

July 5—July 17

49th Annual U. S. Open Tournament

AT BALTIMORE, MD.

BISGUIER WINS MANHATTAN TITLE

By besting New York State Champion Albert S. Pinkus in their meeting, Arthur Bisguier, 18-year-old student at Pace Institute, becomes the youngest player ever to hold the Championship of the Manhattan Chess Club. He succeeds former U. S. Champion Arnold S. Denker to the club title, as the latter failed to defend his crown because of an engagement to play in the Mar del Plata tournament in Argentina. With this victory over Pinkus, Bisguier cannot be overtaken, and the title is his.

Donald Byrne, who was running a close second, lost his chance to overtake Bisguier when he lost to Max Pavey. Byrne and Pinkus are now tied for second with 6-2 each, and Pavey is a close third with 5½-2½.

EVANS CAPTURES MARSHALL TITLE

At the Marshall Chess Club youth was again victorious as 16-year-old Larry Evans was crowned the new Club Champion. With the final round to be played, Carl Pilnick, Anthony Santasiere and Herbert Seidman were in a triple tie for second place with scores of 13½-13½ each.

In addition Evans annexed the speed title of the Marshall Club in a field of fourteen entrants, losing one game to Theodore Lurie, and drawing with Hermann Helms. John T. Westbrook and Hermann Helms tied for second with 10-3 each, and H. Kupersmith was third with 8½-4½.

MARSHALL BESTS HAVANA CLUB

As reported in CHESS LIFE on March 5th, the Marshall Chess Club of New York did much to restore American prestige by defeating the Capablanca Chess Club of Havana in a twelve-board radio match. The sole winner for Cuba was Dr. Juan Gonzales who won the U. S. Lightning Chess title while a resident in New York.

Particularly pleasing were the victories of youthful Larry Evans, Carl Pilnick, Charles F. Rehberg and Mrs. Mary Bain. The last played over the board at Havana and defeated the Cuban Woman's Champion, Senorita Maria Teresa Mora, while Reshevsky sent his moves direct from his home in Roxbury, Mass.

Marshall Chess	Havana Chess
S. Reshevsky	G. Garcia
M. Hanauer	J. Brodermann
E. Lasker	C. Calero
H. Seidman	J. Florida
A. Santasiere	R. Romero
L. Evans	J. Quesada
C. Pilnick	A. Maylan
J. Donovan	R. Blanco
A. Mengarini	J. Gonzalez
C. Rehberg	A. Lopez
N. Halper	A. Cabrera
Mrs. M. Bain	Mrs. M. Mora
Marshall	7½
	Havana

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES on Page 3.

A. DAVIS GAINS IOWA TITLE

In the Championship Tournament of the Iowa Chess Association at Waterloo, Arthur Davis won the title with 4½ points in a fifteen man five-round Swiss. Lyle Kenyon was second with 4 points, and Marvin Baldwin and Karl Bang tied for third with 3½ points each. Max Fogel won the B Tournament with 4½ points. The tournament was directed by Alfred Ludwig, Nebraska State Champion.

At the annual meeting of the Iowa Chess Association, Willis Vanderberg (Shell Rock) was re-elected president, and Philip Gilbertson (Sheldon) secretary-treasurer.

Iowa State Championship	
Arthur Davis	4½
Lyle Kenyon	4
Marvin Baldwin	3½
Karl Bang	3½
Dr. J. S. Weingart	3
P. R. Gilbertson	3
Jules Bender	3
K. Davenport	2½
J. H. Jensen	2
Willis Vanderberg	2
J. Donath	2
A. B. Cook	2
A. B. Cook	2
Dr. E. Small	2
Dr. O. S. Blum	2
F. Donath	1

PLAY HAS BEGUN IN AREA SEVEN

In the Area Seven U. S. Preliminary Tournament at New York which is being held on consecutive weekends three rounds of play find Anthony Santasiere in the lead with 3-0; and Carl Pilnick second with 2½-2.

JOIN THE USCF

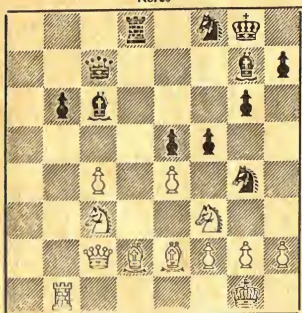
Comments by Fred Reinfeld

INDIAN DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 3

White	Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. P-K3	2. P-K3
3. P-Q3	3. P-Q3
4. P-K4	4. P-K4
5. Kt-B3	5. Kt-B3
6. P-Q4	6. P-Q4
7. P-K2	7. P-K2
8. Q-B2	8. Q-B2
9. P-K4	9. P-K4
10. B-K3	10. B-K3
11. O-O	11. O-O

After 22. P-B4



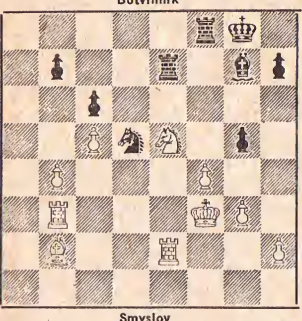
23. B-K5	R-K1	33. Kt-R3	R-Q1
24. P-R3	P-K4	34. Kt-B4	R-Q3
25. Q-KtP	B-K4	35. P-R5	P-K4
26. Q-B	Kt-B3	36. Kt-Q5	Kt-K1
27. Q-K3	Q-Kt2	37. P-K1	P-R3
28. Q-K3	R-K1	38. B-K1	P-B
29. B-K3	Kt-B4	39. Q-KP	B-Q5
30. Q-B2	Q-R1	40. Q-K5 ch.	K-K2
31. Kt-K5	R-K1	41. R-K15	Resigns
32. P-R4	P-K5		

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 3

White	Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. P-QB3	2. P-QB3
3. Kt-B3	3. Kt-B3
4. P-K3	4. P-K3
5. Q-K3	5. Q-K3
6. P-K4	6. P-K4
7. P-K4	7. P-K4
8. B-K3	8. B-K3
9. Q-B2	9. Q-B2
10. B-K2	10. B-K2
11. O-O	11. O-O
12. Kt-Q1	12. Kt-Q1
13. P-QK13	13. P-QK13
14. Kt-B	14. Kt-B
15. B-B4	15. B-B4
16. B-K5	16. B-K5
17. B-K3	17. B-K3
18. Kt-B4	18. Kt-B4
19. Kt-Q3	19. Kt-Q3
20. Kt-B5	20. Kt-B5
21. QxP	21. QxP
22. P-Kt	22. P-Kt
23. R-K1	23. R-K1

After 45. Kt-Q4



Despite exchange of all the Rooks fairly early, Euwe got a strong bind on Smyslov and initiated a very brilliant combination on move 33. After sacrificing both Knights while leaving his Queen en prise, he had a won game by playing 35. Q-B3! Missing this fine follow-up left poor Euwe holding the bag, and when adjournment time came

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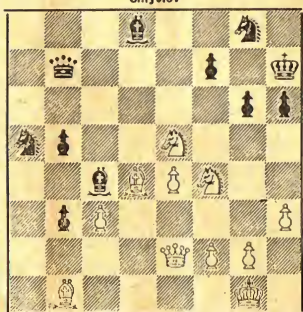
around, his attack had petered out completely.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 4

White	Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	2. Kt-KB3
3. B-K15	3. B-K15
4. B-R4	4. B-R4
5. O-O	5. O-O
6. R-K1	6. R-K1
7. B-K3	7. B-K3
8. P-B3	8. P-B3
9. P-KR3	9. P-KR3
10. B-B2	10. B-B2
11. P-Q4	11. P-Q4
12. Q-K12	12. Q-K12
13. BxP	13. BxP
14. Kt-B1	14. Kt-B1
15. Kt-K3	15. Kt-K3
16. Q-K2	16. Q-K2

After 32. B-B5



33. Kt(5)xKtP	P-K1	38. Q-B5 ch.	K-K2
34. KtP	K-K1	39. Q-R7 ch.	K-Q1
35. P-K5 ch.	K-B2	40. BxP	QxP ch.
36. Q-R5 ch.	K-B1	41. K-R1	Q-K6
37. P-B4	B-K13	42. Q-B5	Kt-QB3

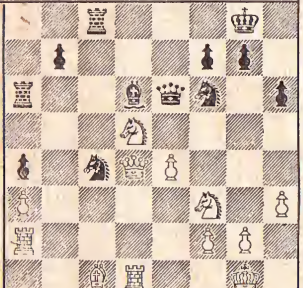
Botvinnik-Reshevsky was another game in which the finish was disappointing. With 5. P-QR3, Botvinnik offered to steer the game into one of his favorite variations (5. BxKt ch; 6. PxP) with which he won an immortal game against the great Capablanca in the famous Avro Tournament in 1938. But Reshevsky, whom I am told read my Botvinnik and Keres books with close attention while preparing for the tournament, was too wary. He played a different, rather original, line and soon obtained an excellent game. However, under stress of time pressure he blundered away a promising position; and when he overstepped the time limit on the 33rd move, he was a piece down. Time pressure is the sixth player in this tournament!

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 4

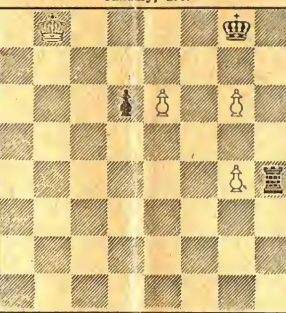
White	Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. P-QB3	2. P-QB3
3. Kt-B3	3. Kt-B3
4. P-K3	4. P-K3
5. P-QR3	5. P-QR3
6. Kt-B3	6. Kt-B3
7. P-QK14	7. P-QK14
8. P-K12	8. P-K12
9. B-Q3	9. B-Q3
10. BxP	10. BxP
11. Kt-K2	11. Kt-K2
12. P-K15	12. P-K15
13. B-Q3	13. B-Q3

After 26. Kt-Q5



By playing 3. P-Q5, Botvinnik immediately indicated that he was out for blood. According to plan, a most interesting game followed. Botvinnik further indulged his desire for complications by postponing castling to the 27th move. Keres pulled a big boner with his 18th move, whereby he exchanged his good Bishop, and was left with a very bad Bishop on the white squares. This piece, hemmed in by its own Pawns, was as good as

Position No. 11
By Eugen Rusenescu (Bucarest)
Revista Romana de Sah
January, 1947



1K4k1, 8, 3p1P1, 8
Wtr, 8, 8, 8
White to play and draw

White To Play And Draw!

ILLUSIONS of victory fade for White in Position 11, and only by very careful play to his three Pawns hold a draw against Black's Rook and Pawn. In Position 12 White also may cherish for a moment dreams of victory, but only by the most careful study of his timing can he even draw—a move out of sequence and Black wins handily.

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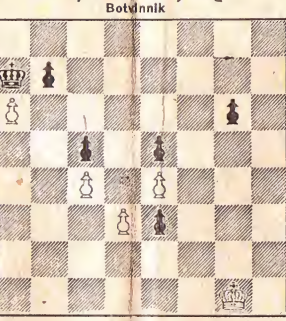
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ENGLISH OPENING

World Championship, Round 5

White	Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. P-QB3	2. P-QB3
3. Kt-B3	3. Kt-B3
4. P-K3	4. P-K3
5. P-K15	5. P-K15
6. P-Q3	6. P-Q3
7. P-K4	7. P-K4
8. Kt-K2	8. Kt-K2
9. P-KR4	9. P-KR4
10. O-O	10. O-O
11. P-B3	11. P-B3
12. P-B4	12. P-B4
13. P-B5	13. P-B5
14. Kt-Q2	14. Kt-Q2
15. PxP	15. PxP
16. Kt-KB3	16. Kt-KB3
17. B-B2	17. B-B2
18. BxP	18. BxP
19. Q-Q2	19. Q-Q2
20. Kt-K15	20. Kt-K15
21. R-K1	21. R-K1
22. Kt-K15	22. Kt-K15
23. R-K1	23. R-K1
24. R-R4 ch.	24. R-R4 ch.
25. P-R4	25. P-R4
26. P-R5	26. P-R5
27. Kt-B1	27. Kt-B1

After 53. PxQ



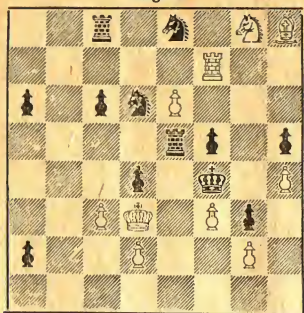
This will rank as one of Reshevsky's finest games. He played the early middle game beautifully and soon reduced Euwe to such a state of desperation that the Doctor parted with a Pawn, though without any compensation to speak of. The nicely timed play at moves 29-31 was all part of a very fine plan to force Black into a Bishop and Pawn ending which is practically a forced loss for him. If, at move 37, Black avoids moving his Pawns and tries to bring his King to the center, White beats him to the punch and gets his King to Qb5 with an easy win. (Black's King cannot reach Q3, for then P-K5 ch. hits his KtKt.)

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 5

White	Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. P-QB3	2. P-QB3
3. Kt-B3	3. Kt-B3
4. P-K3	4. P-K3
5. P-K15	5. P-K15
6. P-Q3	6. P-Q3
7. P-K4	7. P-K4
8. B-K3	8. B-K3
9. B-Q2	9. B-Q2
10. B-B2	10. B-B2
11. O-O	11. O-O

Position No. 12
By Guilherme Groesser
Original



2r1d1B, 6R2, 1p1pP3, 4r1p1p, 3p1k1P, 2P1P1P, 1P2P2P1, 8
White to play and draw

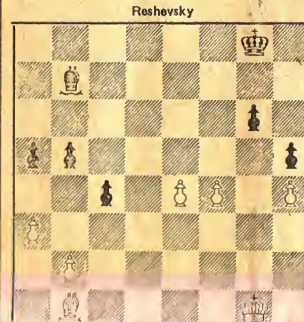
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After 37. P-B4



37.	P-K15	40. P-K13	K-B2
38. PxP	PxP	41. K-K3	Resigns
39. K-B2	P-B6		

Reshevsky-Smyslov was a fore-ordained draw, but a humdinger all the same. Smyslov gave up a piece in the opening, but got four Pawns for it. After the exchange of Queens, Sammy began to whittle away at the Pawns. He finally won two of them, but had to allow simplifications in the process. Smyslov finally drew resourcefully enough with only two Pawns for a Bishop.

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 6

White	Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. P-QB3	2. P-QB3
3. Kt-B3	3. Kt-B3
4. P-K3	4. P-K3
5. P-QR4	5. P-QR4
6. Kt-K5	6. Kt-K5
7. P-B3	7. P-B3
8. P-K4	8. P-K4
9. PxB	9. PxB
10. B-Q2	10. B-Q2
11. Kt-Kt1	11. Kt-Kt1
12. Q-K2	12. Q-K2
13. KxP	13. KxP
14. K-B2	14. K-B2
15. R-Q1	15. R-Q1
16. KtP (B4)	16. KtP (B4)
17. P-K13	17. P-K13
18. K-B3	18. K-B3
19. BxQ	19. BxQ
20. Kt-R5	20. Kt-R5
21. B-B3	21. B-B3
22. P-QK14	22. P-QK14

Euwe played the Black side of a Ruy Lopez very ably against Keres. He got a fine game and won a Pawn, but his weak 32nd move killed his winning chances. A lucky escape for Keres.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 6

White	Black
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	2. Kt-KB3
3. B-K15	3. B-K15
4. B-R4	4. B-R4
5. O-O	5. O-O
6. Kt-K2	6. Kt-K2
7. B-K3	7. B-K3
8. P-Q3	8. P-Q3
9. P-K4	9. P-K4
10. P-K4	10. P-K4
11. Kt-K1	11. Kt-K1
12. B-K3	12. B-K3
13. Kt-B3	13. Kt-B3
14. BxP	14. BxP
15. P-B4	15. P-B4
16. BxP	16. BxP
17. B-K13	17. B-K13

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

GERMANY: The Inter-Club Championship for 1947 (teams of eight players) finished as follows: 1. Esen 28½; 2. Union (Hamburg) 21½; 3. "1830" (Hamburg) 19; 4. Cologne 19; 5. "Friedenau" (Berlin) 17½; and 6. Weidenau 14.

LUCERNE, Switzerland: An interesting national tournament for "Youngsters" took place here with the following results: 1. S. Tordion (Zurich) 4½ pts. (The Swiss System was used and six rounds played); 2-3. Dr. Schudel and Hedinger (both Switzerland) 4 pts.; 4-6. Crisoven, R. Hess and P. Mullerli 3½; 7. J. P. Wurch (Strasbourg) 3; 8-9. A. Hrlicka (Vienna) and Sauerli 2½; 10. J. J. Oosterwyck-Bruyn (Holland) 2 pts. etc.

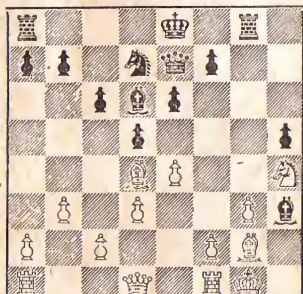
HOLLAND, The Hague: The Discendo Discimus Chess Club just feted its 96th year of existence!

A Secret Weapon: The European newspapers are running a story on a new secret weapon in Chess: Namely, eating raw onions! This according to Newell Banks of Detroit. Whatever else they say Newell Banks said, is not so important, but I believe he has something with this onion business! He should have informed privately one of the "Five" at The Hague about it.

RIGA, U.S.R.R.: One more "Pan-Sovietique" tournament ended here with the following results: (Bet you never heard these names before ... right?) 1-2. Simjaguine (Champion of Moscow) and Fourmar (Leningrad) 15 pts. out of 19; 3. Saiguine (Brest) 14; 4. Nejmudinov (Kazan) 13½; 5. Tarassow (Kichinev) 13 pts. etc.

Game played in the Budapest tournament in memory of S. Abronyi, White: E. Szabadi; Black: E. Gereben; Irregular Opening.

1. Kt-KB3, P-Q4; 2. P-KKt3, P-QB3; 3. P-Kt3 (I never liked the double fianchetto), B-B4; 4. B-QKt2, Kt-B3; 5. B-Kt2, P-K3; 6. P-Q3, Kt-Q2; 7. Q-Kt2, B-B4 8. O-O, Q-K2; 9. Kt-K5, P-KR4; 10. Kt-Kt3, Q-Kt1; 11. Kt-B3, Q-B2; 12. B-K5, Q-K2; 13. P-KR3, Kt-Q2; 14. BxP (Kt7), (This is bad), R-Kt1; 15. B-Q4, B-Q3; 16. Kt-R4, BxRP; 17. P-K4 (See Diagram; not 17. BxB, as QxKt wins a piece.)



17., QxKt (A perfectly correct Queen sacrifice); 18. PxQ, BxB; White resigns as after 19. P-K5 follows R-B6 ch. etc.

OSTEND, Belgium: Simons with 7 out of 10 pts. won the championship of the Ostend Chess Club. 2. F. Teetart 7; 3. De Wispelaere 6½. Etc.

ARGENTINE: Two Russian Masters were invited to play in the Mar del Plata tournament, namely Boleslavski and Kotov. The prizes are 5,000; 4,000; 3,000; 2,000 and 1,000 dollars! (I am just wondering if they are American dollars ... that's all.)

TWINS: A few years ago I composed the following two endings: (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

Monday, April 5, 1948

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries,
Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by S. Bernstein

White Black
S. BERNSTEIN G. KRAMER
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 6. O-O O-O
2. P-QB4 P-K3 7. Kt-B3 P-Q3
3. Kt-KB3 P-QK3 8. Q-B2 Kt-B3
4. P-KK3 Kt-K2 9. R-Q1

Of course not 9... P-Q5? Pxp and 10... Kt-QK5. A good alternative was 9... P-K4, P-K4; 10... Q-Q5.

After 10... Q-K15 10... Q-K11... subject to attack by... Pxp or a later... Kt-R3-B4 if White's QP is swapped.

10... P-Q4 11. Kt-K5 P-B4
Now or never!

12. PxP KtP-P 13. P-QR3 Kt-R3!
Not 13... Kt-B3? 14. Kt-K1, BxK1; 15. Q-R2!
14. B-B4 Kt-B2 15. P-QK4

To force a Q-sacrifice majority.
15... Q-B1 17. Kt-Q2 B-Q3
16. P-K15 R-Q1 18. R-K3
Black menaced 18... P-K14.

19. P-QR4 P-QR4
Not 20... P-K1? Kt-R3. The text invites Black's reply, stabilizing the center. White does not wish to capture on K5; this would give Black a strong center post.

20... P-Q5 21. Kt-K11 Kt-Q2
Kramer said later that he should have swapped Bs, but his QRP seems untenable in the long run.

22. B-R3
Crossing Black's plan. If 22... P-B3? 23. BxK1

Threatens 24. B-K15. If 23... Kt-K15; 24. Kt-K12, etc.

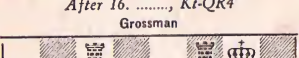
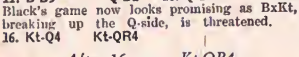
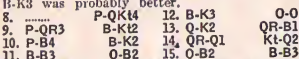
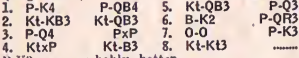
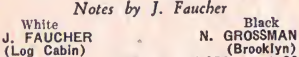
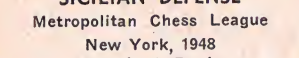
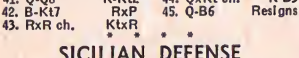
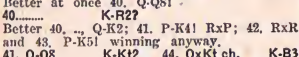
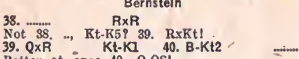
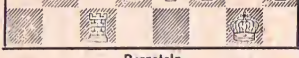
23... P-R3 27. B-K16 R-P
24. Q-K1 Kt-B3 28. Q-BxP Kt(B2)-K1
25. B-Q2 B-Q3
26. BxQRP P-K4

White originally intended 20... B-K16 which is quite strong, but in time pressure the text seemed simpler as Black's center is smashed.

29... Kt-B3 33. Kt-B3 R-R3
30. KtP Q-K3 34. P-B7 R-QB1
31. Kt-B6 BxK1 35. Kt-P15
32. PxR KtP 36. Q-Q2

Black had not reckoned on the strength of this. If 35... R-B3? 36. Kt-R7!
35... P-K13 37. Kt-K1 R-Kt
36. R-P Kt-Q3 38. Q-Q2

After 38... Q-Q2
Kramer





RESHEVSKY SLIPS TO FOURTH

BOTVINNIK HOLDS HIS LEAD; KERES, SMYSLOV IN TIE

*Reshevsky Has Costly Loss to Smyslov
While Keres Wins Again From Euwe*

By Fred Reinfeld

On resumption of play in the World Championship Tournament in Moscow on April 11, Botvinnik remained in first place although he had the bye.

With the Black pieces in a Ruy Lopez, Keres quickly got the initiative against Euwe. Enterprising play netted Keres a victory after only 25 moves.

Smyslov played another Ruy Lopez against Reshevsky. The American was in trouble from the very start. He lost a Pawn in the middle game and eventually reached a Rook and Pawn ending which proved untenable. He resigned after 52 moves.

As Botvinnik is scheduled to play Euwe in Round 12, while Keres meets Smyslov, it is very likely that Botvinnik will widen the gap between himself and the other players.

BEGIN FINALS IN 12th GRAND NATIONAL TOURN.

Clark Merritt, San Marino, Calif. Dr. Giles A. Koelsche, Rochester, Minn., Edward J. Krusch, Cleveland, Ohio, William Keen, Bethlehem, Pa., Stephen H. Kowalski, Newark, N. J., and Edmund Roman, New Britain, Conn. have begun play in double round robin match to decide the winner of the 12th United States Correspondence Chess Championship, according to James W. Jenkins, Newark, New York, Tournament Director of the Correspondence Chess League of America, who annually conducts this USCF recognized national chess-by-mail championship.

These six, together with Mevis R. Smith, Houston, Texas, who is unable to compete in the Finals, are the lone survivors, after two tough rounds of eliminations, of the 412 chess fans who began play in September 1944.

CLARK CAPTURES WEATT TITLE

In the first championship tournament of the Weatt Chess Club, formed of members of Western Electric and American Telephone & Telegraph Cos. in New York, John Clark walked away with the Club Title with eight wins and one draw, the last against George Ritzler. Ritzler tied with Jim Devany for second place with 6½-2½ each.

The Weatt Chess Club publishes an attractive monthly bulletin entitled "Check" which reports the activities of the Weatt team in the Commercial Chess League of New York and also the activities of the Bell System Correspondence Chess League, sponsored by Weatt, which numbers over hundred players from the Bell System employees throughout the United States and Canada.

WORLD CHAMPION- SHIP MATCH

STANDINGS (Twelve Rounds)

Botvinnik	7-2
Keres	5½-4½
Smyslov	5½-4½
Reshevsky	4½-4½
Euwe	1½-8½

WILLS CAPTURES SOUTHWESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE

In the First Southwestern Intercollegiate Tournament ever held, A. Wills (Louisiana State Champion) of Tulane won the title with a score of 4½-1½, while E. Caroe of Southwestern Medical College was second with 4-1, and A. Buckland of Tulane third with 3½-1½.

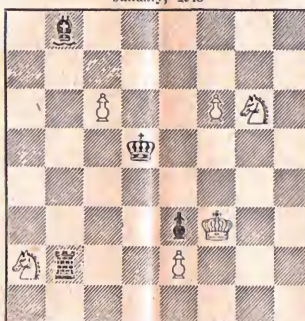
The tournament was played March 27-28 at Texas University in Austin, under the sponsorship of the Texas Chess Ass'n. USCF Vice-President J. C. Thompson and W. N. Kendall, Vice-President of the Texas Chess Ass'n served as directors of the five round Swiss in which twenty collegians participated.

Southwestern Intercollegiate	
A. Wills (Tulane)	4½-1½
E. Caroe (Sw. Medical)	4-1
A. Buckland (Tulane)	3½-1½
L. Poliakoff (Trinity)	3-1½
J. B. Payne (Texas)	3-1½
J. Gilbert (So. Meth. U.)	3-1½
T. Viviant (Trinity)	3-2
C. Merchant (Rice)	3-2
A. Anderson (Texas)	3-2
R. Symonds (Texas)	3-2
C. Rystrom (Rice)	2½-3½
K. Stevens (Trinity)	2-3
B. Smith (T. Christian)	2-3
R. Dickie (Texas)	2-3
Rog. Burnett (Texas)	2-3
E. Brown (So. Meth. U.)	2-3
Rob. Barnett (So. Meth. U.)	1-4
G. Collins (Texas)	1-4
A. Elfant (So. Meth. U.)	1-4
J. Gilkinson (So. Meth.)	0-5

On the performance of the top two players of each college, a team standing was compiled in which Southwestern Medical and Texas Christian Union were omitted, as each had only one player.

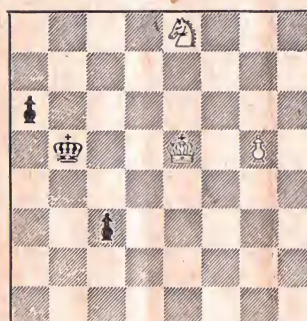
Team	Ind. Ranks
Tulane University	1 and 3
Trinity College	4 and 7
Texas University	5 and 9
Rice College	8 and 11
Southern Methodist Union	6 and 16

Position No. 13
By E. Hufendiek (Falkendiek)
Der Schach-Spiegel
January, 1948



1b6, 8, 2P3P51, 3k4, 8,
4P12, 8c15, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 14
By Montgomery Major (Oak Park)
Original



4S3, 8, p7, 1k2K1P1, 8
2p5, 8, 8
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Position No. 13 is a brilliant study in the timing of various threats and sacrifices to create a "block" of the Black pieces which permits the triumphant Queening of a Pawn.

Position No. 14 is one of the editor's rare ventures in the endgame field in which White gallops to victory with a very agile Knight. The key is not difficult, but several of the variations present tricky handling in which the slightest mistake by White is immediately fatal to his dreams of victory.

Solutions will be published in the May 20th issue.

Eliskases Wins Mar del Plata Meet; Stahlberg Second, Medina Third

Erich Eliskases of Austria with the comfortable margin of 1½ points won the international masters tournament at Mar del Plata, Argentina with a score of 13-4. Second place went to Gideon Stahlberg of Sweden with 11½-5½, although he lost his final round game to the Lithuanian master, Markas Luckis. Third place went to Antonio Medina of Spain with 11-6, who added to his growing prestige as a player by outpointing Mendel Najdorf of Poland and Rossetto of Argentina who tied for fourth with 10-7 each.

U. S. representative, Arnold S. Denker of New York, after a very good start fell by the wayside in the latter rounds and finished in a tie for 13th place with Carlos Guimard of Argentina with a score of 7-10. Final standings were:

Mar del Plata Tournament	
Eliskases (Austria)	13-4
Stahlberg (Sweden)	11½-5½
Medina (Spain)	11-6
Najdorf (Poland)	10-7
Rossetto (Argentina)	10-7
Szabo (Hungary)	9½-7½
Maderna (Argentina)	9-8
O'Kelly (Belgium)	8½-8½
Pilnik (Argentina)	8½-8½
Bolbocean (Argentina)	8-9
Luckis (Lithuania)	8-9
Michel (Germany)	8-9
Denker (United States)	7-10
Guimard (Argentina)	7-10
Castillo (Chile)	6½-10½
Freitas (Brazil)	6½-10½
Sanguinetti (Argentina)	6-11
Olivera (Uruguay)	5-12

M. ROGAN WINS KY. JUNIOR MEET

First place in the Kentucky Junior Championship went to Marvin Rogan (Rochester, N. Y.) from Indiana University who went through the tournament undefeated. Second place and title of Kentucky Junior Champion went to Jackie Mayor (15) of Louisville who was also undefeated but had four draws as against two for Rogan. Third honors were held by J. S. McBreyer of the University of Louisville, and fourth place went to Pat Hunger of Glasgow.

In the consolation division A. Wohlfort of Louisville was first and Larry Helles of Louisville second. The tournament was held at the Louisville Chess Club.

SANTASIERE TOPS IN AREA 7 MEET

With five rounds completed in the Area 7 U. S. Preliminaries in New York, Anthony Santasiere leads the field with a score of 4-1, consisting of three wins and two draws. Donovan, Evans, Shainswit, Shipman and Turner are in a five-way tie for second with 3½-1½ each, unless Carl Pilnick makes the most of his winning chances in an adjourned game with George Krauss and converts his 3-1 into a 4-1 tie with Santasiere for first place.

Area 7 Preliminaries (5 rounds)	
Santasiere	4-1
Donovan	3½-1½
Evans	3½-1½
Shainswit	3½-1½
Shipman	3½-1½
Turner	3½-1½
Pilnick	3-1
Kramer	3-2
Platz	3-2
Weinstock	3-2
Krauss	2½-1½
Avram	2½-2½

Money is still needed for the Stockholm Expense Fund to cover the traveling expenses of the USCF Delegate to the General Assembly of FIDE and our representative in the Inter-Zonal Tournament.

If you have not yet made your contribution, please send it today to Edward I. Treend, 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States
Chess Federation

STAGE BEING SET FOR STOCKHOLM

While the World Championship matches hold the public eye, the stage is quietly being set for the forthcoming Interzonal Tournament at Saltsjobaden, a suburb of Stockholm, where from July 15 to August 15 twenty masters will compete for the opportunity to qualify for a chance at the World Championship Title.

Four representatives have already been qualified for this Tournament, either by victory in a Zonal Tourney or by appointment from their zone. These are: I. Kashdan (U.S.A. Zone), A. Yanofsky (Canadian Zone), E. Book (Scandinavian Zone), and A. O'Kelly de Galway (Western European Zone).

Sixteen other contenders will be selected by the F. I. D. E. Qualifications Commission, which is composed of twelve members and is considering the claims and qualifications of over thirty masters from which the sixteen remaining contenders will be selected. Dr. Edward Lasker of New York is the USCF member of this Commission.

Four additional masters, will also be nominated to fill the places of any of the original selectees who cannot arrange to participate in the Tournament.

ANDERSON TAKES ONTARIO TITLE

On Easter weekend Frank R. Anderson of Toronto added to his list of accomplishments by capturing the Ontario Provincial Championship in a 6 round Swiss meeting at the Gambit Chess Club in which twenty players contested. Anderson is also Toronto Champion and Ontario Speed Champion. Second place went to Noel Williams of London who equaled Anderson's score and won from the champion in their individual meeting but lost out on the Sonneborn-Berger weighting with a score of 5-1. Third place was held in tie by R. B. Hayes of Kitchener and R. Drummond of Hamilton with 4½-1½ each.

Ontario Championship	
F. Anderson	5-1
N. Williams	5-1
R. B. Hayes	4½-1½
R. Drummond	4½-1½
P. Avery	4-2
I. H. Neatby	4-2
K. Hastings	3½-2½
E. T. Jewitt	3½-2½
F. A. Scott	3½-2½
J. Mann	3-3
D. Groschup	3-3
W. R. Oaker	3-3
T. Pearson	3-3
H. Rideout	3-3
K. Keres	2½-3½
B. Rideout	2-4
S. Gray	2-4
P. Frkl	2-4
V. Meikle	1-5
E. Ford	0-6

ADAMS VICTOR IN AREA ONE

By virtue of a 3-1 victory in a playoff match with Daniel Mayers of Harvard University, Weaver W. Adams won the right to represent the New England Area 1 in the U. S. Championship Tournament. In the Swiss Tourney Adams tied with Mayers with 4-1 each. Other leading players in the tourney were Gerhard Katz and Milton Kagan of Brookline, Harlow B. Daly of West Roxbury, James Bolton of New Haven and Charles D. Mott of Middletown.

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CHESS LIFE EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS

ON MARCH 11th of this year our USCF President Emeritus Maurice S. Kuhns and his wife, Rosalia S. Kuhns, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a luncheon at the Pump Room of the Ambassador East of Chicago. Mr. Kuhns, who is 88, and Mrs. Kuhns, who is 83, are to be congratulated for presenting in this troubled world of quick marriages and quicker divorces quiet remembrance of the fact that marriage can become edenic when approached with patience and understanding and the will to share success and trouble alike. Present at the great occasion were a son, Richard F. Kuhns, and his wife Helen K, and a daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Weil. Unable to attend was another son, USCF Director Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Kuhns, who is best known in chess circles for his work as president of the National Chess Federation (a forerunner of the USCF), is Honorary President of F.I.D.E. In non-chess circles, he is known as chairman of the board of Workman Mfg. Co., which he founded in 1902, and retired senior partner of M. S. Kuhns & Co., which he founded in 1890.

A SALUTE TO SIMON & SCHUSTER

CHESS IS gaining widespread popularity; and the latest proof (if proof be needed) is the advent of the shrewd publishing firm of Simon & Schuster in the field of chess texts. S & S has been famous in the book world for a gift that amounts to inspiration in selecting manuscripts destined to become "best sellers". From their lowly origin (depending upon your taste!) as originators of the first Crossword Puzzle books, they have risen to the heights of publishing fame by shrewd selection of their titles and ingenious advertising and promotion.

It is therefore with pleasure that CHESS LIFE welcomes them as publishers of chess books, and expresses the hope that this first venture will not be the last, but that S & S will take its place beside our old reliable David McKay & Co. as an authoritative publisher of works on chess.

Certainly no happier choice could have been made than the first work they have chosen for their debut in chess. The title is "Winning Chess" and the authors are no less than Fred Reinfeld and Irving Chernev. In addition, as befits a debut, "Winning Chess" is not just another chess book; but rather is something unique and original in its approach to a very important and hitherto neglected field of study. We will, however, leave the merits of the book to John D. French to assess in his "Readers Road to Chess" and content ourselves with this brief salute and welcome to the firm of Simon and Schuster.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

BRITISH CHESS MASTERS By Fred Reinfeld; McKay (\$2.00)

Here's a new angle. Fred Reinfeld, CHESS LIFE columnist and prolific author, with the aid of McKay and G. Bell, London publisher, has run into a new field of master chess games. It's 52 games of the "best of Britain" from 1821 to 1946. There is more in that statement than meets the eye on first glance. Most game collections go over the usual roads of the usual masters and only the annotations change. Here though, is a virtually untapped field as far as American chessers are concerned. Novel twist on this book is that the same well-known and well-worn chess masters are used all right, but on the losing end of things, with Britannia ruling more than the seas in this case.

Reinfeld frankly admits that the anthology is designed as a pleasant journey through chess paths untrodden here, although the modest Fred fails to admit that his crisp annotations do help to understand the finer points of the matches and so do help those who must study every score they read for the gems of "know-how" every game must contain. While American readers who take pride in fine leather binding and 200-year parchment-type paper may feel that the book isn't up to perfect USA standards, the trim volume will add many happy hours to the seeker after a bit of change in winners.

Maybe you had better not tell too many of your chess-playing friends about the huge 49th annual USCF Open Championship in Baltimore, Maryland, July 5-17, because the biggest and best hotel there, the Lord Baltimore, scene of this year's national classic, only holds a few hundred people and so far every one wants to register for the two-week event. Just write to Ira Lovett, 327 North Charles Street, and he will "tell all" and hold you a room in that fine hostelry.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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A Thematic Discussion

IN THE April 5 issue of this column I emitted a blast against what I regard as overtechnical discussion of the themes of chess problems. In today's column I call attention to another factor that has a tendency to discourage the average chess player from taking more than a passing interest in the solving of problems.

That factor is a composer's desire to name some theme he proposes to accomplish after himself. In what way is this educational or instructive? A party's name attached to a theme is not at all enlightening. In my opinion a theme should be so named as to illustrate its meaning. Merely stating that this or that exhibit is the Schuffman theme, the Barulin theme, the Dalton theme, the Dr. Partos theme, the Hassberg theme, the White theme, etc. conveys no information to readers or solvers. They are aghast as they read the names. To them it is all as incomprehensible as the mention of Einstein having a theory. They have heard of Einstein but they know naught of the theory!

It is my belief that when the name of a theme is given, some explanation of the purpose of the theme should be given, perhaps in parenthesis, italics, symbols or hieroglyphics that will convey to the beginners and the uninitiated just what is meant. As a general rule problem columns do not contain this information. And that is one real good reason why the average chess player does not take more interest in problem solving. He doesn't care to tackle anything he doesn't understand! The problem jargon and problem technicalities should only be discussed by those who have been educated to understand their meanings. They should not be used to bewilder and befuddle individuals who are endeavoring to learn the fundamentals about composing and solving of chess problems.

In discussing themes, I believe it is far better to speak in simple terms of block, cross-check, line opening, line closing, self interference, cut off, etc. rather than to speak of Plachuttas, Grimshaws, Nowotnys, etc.; the latter terms requiring still further explanation.

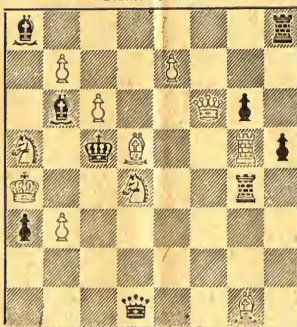
A short time ago awards of the 1946 U.S.C.F. problem composing tournaments along with diagrams of the prize winning positions were published in the Federation's 1946 Yearbook. Comments on the winning positions by the judges—Kenneth S. Howard and Geoffrey Mott-Smith—were also granted space. Their comment (in part) on the first prize 2 mover was as follows: "The thematic content of this problem consists of two Anti-Bristol type interferences of the black pawn on the rook combined with accurate Java theme play, brought about, in the simplest possible forms by the moves of the black rook and white's queen's knight, etc."

To me the comment was fine and quite lucid, but—a short time after the book was in the hands of the general public I received a letter asking what was meant by Java and Anti-Bristol. Now it appears whoever wrote the letter thought I had used the terms and desired an explanation from me! The query was made as to whether Mocha and Maxwell House were also problem themes, since in the opinion of the writer they were equally good coffees as Java! And as to Anti-Bristol the writer desired to know if this was a defense that could be utilized in Checkers to thwart the Bristol opening!

In your heart have you no pity for the helpless, besieged, befuddled, unstrung and unsung Problem Editor?

Problem No. 23

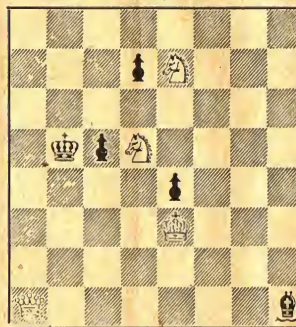
By Burney Marshall
Shreveport, La.
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 9 men



White: 10 men
b6r, 1P2P3, 1bP2b1, 5Kb2Rr.
K2R2r, p1b6, 8, 3a2B1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 24

By Otto Wurzburg
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 5 men



White: 4 men
8, 3P33, 8, 1kP54, 4P3,
4K3, 8, Qb6
White mates in three moves

So far my efforts to discover embryo S. Loyd's and Winkman's have failed. However, my efforts have succeeded in arousing lethargic master composers to a revival of interest in composing. Today we offer our solvers two of the most recent composing attempts of two former stellar composers, B. Marshall and O. Wurzburg. Apparently, judging from these pretty problems, the passing of the years has accentuated rather than dulled their skill. Problem No. 23 is the 700th problem Mr. Marshall has composed. Wurzburg's output exceeds that number.

Solutions:

The keymove of Problem No. 19 is—1. Q-K18. A charming waiting mutate with flight square grating and several added mates.

The keymove to Problem 20 is—1. K-K16 with multiple threat of 2. B any, followed by 3. R-Q8. Black's defenses consist of promotion to Q or R of QRP, QRP, KP, and QRP. To these White's B must be accurately moved to forestall the promoted pieces, preventing the threat. Black also has 7 defenses by the R moving to QR8, QR8, QB8, K8, KB8, KR8 and K18, to which White's replies respectively are: R-QR4, K-K17, P-QB6, P-K7, P-KB7, P-KK17 and P-RP7. A difficult task elegantly achieved but with quite obvious key, which however fails to mar the artistry of the conception.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 19 and 20 are acknowledged received from Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Ind.), Jack Spence (Omaha), N. Gabor and H. Groendyke (Cincinnati), James Bolton and Otto Palm (New Haven), and B. Marshall (Shreveport). Incorrect solution to No. 19 and correct answer to No. 20 received from P. H. Hunsicker (Akron).

A couple of errors occurred in Forsythe notation of Problem No. 21 but the diagrammed position was correct.

CHESS LIFE TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Contest closes June 10. Entries to be mailed to Problem Editor, Chess Life, 123 East Seventh Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

ABOUT a dozen years have passed since the old Kings Chess Club held its centennial celebration of the birth of Paul Morphy. It was one of those glorious occasions in a chess player's life which ranks with wins against masters and first club titles. There were probably 100 people present for a lecture by Kashdan and a grand Evans Gambit Accepted rapid transit tournament which followed.

Kashdan's lecture was an especially thrilling event for the dozen high school hopefuls scattered through the audience. He was fresh returned from the U. S. Olympic Team victory, of 1935, I think, and had there been greatly impressed by the numbers and strength of the young European masters. It was his belief, he stressed, that among the youth of our chess community, perhaps in his audience that night, were the future members of a U. S. Championship Team.

Today, with a new chess generation in the field, with Shipman, Kramer, Evans, Turner and Pilnick among the leaders in the New York Preliminary Tournament, we can expect Kashdan's prophecy to be fulfilled. Arthur Bisguier, new champion of the Manhattan Chess Club, is at 18 the holder of a distinguished series of titles which provided a typical pattern of achievement and progress for our new masters. Arthur won the Interscholastic title at 16, the Bronx County title at 17, was top man on a national championship Intercollegiate team at 17, finished 6th in a U. S. Open at 16, has won the Junior Manhattan title and is now top man at the nation's top club. Impressive? Indeed it is, and Arthur and others like him are a fitting memorial to the continued efforts of the Manhattan Chess Club in developing young talent! Who said chess is an old man's game?

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Sir,

In your March 5th issue, your problem editor Dr. Keeney is dissatisfied and disgusted, and I've no notion how many other verbs as well, at The Chess Correspondent's dropping its excellent problem pages. As Dr. Keeney seems not to have performed the elementary intellectual operation of asking Why? I will as it for him; and I will answer it too.

In the first place, there are far fewer problem-fans in this country than problemists pretend. The Correspondent is currently surveying its readers to determine what they want in a chess magazine; and less than 8% of the first 150 responses rate problems of much interest. As these first 150 naturally contain the whole "protest vote" (i.e. those who are indignant at our discontinuing problems), the final figure is certain to be well under 5%.

In the face of figures like that, does Dr. Keeney or any other rational man propose that we continue to thrust upon our readers something they never look at? Or, since our dropping problems was to save our readers a rise in subscription price, does he suggest that we tax 95% of them for the benefit of an imperceptible fraction? I hope the answer is no.

Secondly: Why aren't problems popular? The answer has been dropped at the problemists' own door by one of our most gifted composers, whom I regret I have not permission to quote directly: Problem-editors do not encourage

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The variation adopted in Euwe-Botvinnik gave White a slight edge all the way. An early exchange of Queens was followed by Euwe's attempt to exploit Black's Pawn weaknesses. Botvinnik defended carefully and patiently, and a draw was a logical outcome.

FRENCH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 7

White	Black
DR. EUWE	M. BOTVINNIK
1. P-K4	22. B-B4
2. P-Q4	23. B-K3
3. Kt-Q2	24. R-Q1
4. P-KP	25. R-Q4
5. B-K5 ch	26. R-R5
6. Q-K2 ch	27. Kt-B5
7. PxP	28. Kt-Q3
8. Kt-Q3	29. R-R4
9. Kt-QK3	30. R-R4
10. B-Q2	31. P-B3
11. B-K4	32. P-Q3
12. B-B5	33. B-K2
13. BxKt ch	34. K-Q1
14. O-O	35. P-Q3
15. Kt-Q4	36. R-R5 ch
16. Kt-K1	37. P-QK4
17. R-Q4	38. PxP ch
18. P-R3	39. P-B4
19. R-Q4	40. R-R4
20. R-K1	41. R-K1
21. B-Q3	42. R-R4

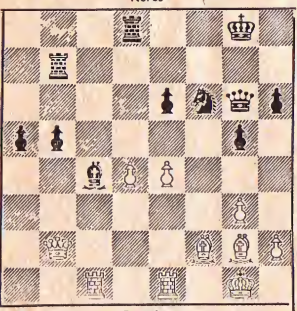
Keres did not take much time to get the initiative on both wings, playing Black in a Catalan. On move 27 Smyslov lost a Pawn (optimism or time pressure?). Instead of contenting himself with a prosaic win based on his material advantage, Keres sacrificed a piece for a flock of Passed Pawns and forced home his advantage with elegant simplicity. An enjoyable game. Note that if White tries 44. P-R3, then 44. Kt-B3; 45. Kx-Kt, Q-B2 ch followed by 46. PxRt.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 7

White	Black
V. SMYSLOV	P. KERES
1. P-Q4	22. Kt-B3
2. P-QB4	23. Kt-Q3
3. P-KK3	24. Kt-Q3
4. B-K2	25. R-K1
5. Q-R4 ch	26. P-K1
6. QxP	27. P-K15
7. Kt-B3	28. Q-B3
8. Kt-B3	29. P-Q4
9. Q-Q3	30. B-K2
10. O-O	31. Kt-K5
11. R-Q1	32. R-B1
12. B-Q2	33. Kt-Q3
13. P-Q3	34. Kt-B5
14. QxP	35. P-K4
15. B-K1	36. KtP (K4)
16. P-Q4	37. Q-K2
17. R-QK4	38. Q-K2
18. R-K1	39. P-K4
19. Q-B2	40. PxP
20. P-B3	41. Kt-K4
21. Kt-K2	42. PxKt
22. B-B2	43. Kt-Q3

After 42. PxKt



White	Black
V. SMYSLOV	P. KERES
42.	43. Kt-Q3
43. R-B2	44. R-R4
44. R-B2	45. Kt-Q3
45. K-B1	46. R-B3
46. Kt-Q3	47. QxP
47. Q-B3	48. QxP
48. R-Q4	49. B-B3
49. Q-R2	50. B-B6
	51. BxKtP
	52. R-R6

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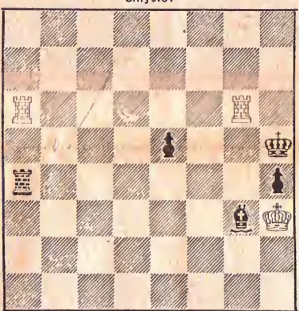
Smyslov got a very cramped game, as is usual with the Gruenfeld Defense. However, he was very much at home in this variation, and maneuvered cleverly in the little space at his disposal. He gave up the exchange, getting two Pawns for it. Thereupon Botvinnik worked like a galley slave trying to figure out a win. But Smyslov defended comfortably, and the point was halved after some nine hours of play.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 8

White	Black
M. BOTVINNIK	V. SMYSLOV
1. P-Q4	40. K-K2
2. P-QB4	41. P-QR4
3. Kt-Q3	42. R-K3
4. Kt-B3	43. R-R2
5. Q-K3	44. R-Q2
6. QxP	45. K-B3
7. P-K4	46. P-K14
8. Kt-Q2	47. R-K12
9. Kt-Q2	48. Q-K3
10. Q-Q3	49. R-P4
11. P-B3	50. R-P4
12. R-Q1	51. R-K12
13. P-Q3	52. R-K12
14. Q-B2	53. R-K12
15. Kt-K13	54. R-K12
16. B-K2	55. K-K2
17. Q-B2	56. R-Q1
18. O-O	57. R-KB1
19. Kt-B5	58. R-QK13
20. Kt-R1	59. R-P4
21. Kt-K13	60. R-K12
22. Q-B4	61. R-K12
23. P-B4	62. R-K12
24. R-B1	63. R-K5 ch
25. B-K1	64. R-Q1 ch
26. R-QB2	65. R-K4 ch
27. Q-K2	66. K-B3
28. P-K5	67. R-QK11
29. PxKt	68. R-K16 ch
30. B-B4	69. K-K14
31. Kt-Q2	70. R-Q4 ch
32. Kt-K4	71. R-K17 ch
33. BxKt	72. R-K17
34. Kt-Q6	73. R-O6 ch
35. R-Q1	74. R-RP
36. R-Q2	75. R-K3
37. Q-B3	76. R(R5)-R6
38. R-Q3	77. R-P4
39. P-K13	78. R-P4

After 77. R-P4



Keres-Reshevsky was a terribly tense game, either player being afraid to lose and thereby losing whatever chance he has of overtaking Botvinnik. Keres had the better of the opening, but Sammy defended, as usual, very tenaciously and resourcefully. He won a Pawn temporarily, and just as he was about to lose it back, offered a draw, which was accepted. There was still a lot of play in the position.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 8

White	Black
P. KERES	S. RESHEVSKY
1. P-K4	13. B-B2
2. Kt-KB3	14. Q-K13
3. B-K15	15. Q-R1
4. B-R4	16. Kt-Q3
5. P-B4	17. O-O
6. Kt-B3	18. P-K4
7. P-K3	19. B-R2
8. QxP	20. P-R3
9. Kt-Q5	21. B-K3
10. Kt-K14	22. Q-B3
11. Kt-B2	23. R-K1
12. P-Q3	24. P-K15

After 24. P-K15



Reshevsky-Botvinnik was a very snappy affair. Botvinnik defended

The United States Chess Federation, Mr. Paul G. Giers, Executive V-Pres., Syracuse, New York.

Dear Sir: Yesterday I have been favoured by the arrival of the DITTMANN TROPHY, to be presented on behalf of the U. S. C. F. through the medium of the F. I. D. E. to the winner of the coming contest for the World Chess Championship.

I beg to thank the U. S. C. F. most cordially for this magnificent present, a symbol of the U. S. A. sympathies with the activities of the F. I. D. E. for realizing the tourney where the chess world's highest honours are at the stake.

Specially I beg to thank and praise Mr. H. A. Dittmann of Salt Lake City for his ideal creation.

Mr. Dittmann proves to be a unique artist, grand in conception and in the combination of fine and rare wood-material.

If I didn't know Mr. Dittmann to be an organizer of chess in his own sphere, his trophy would betray him as a devoted lover of the noble game.

The U. S. C. F. may be proud of a member like Mr. Dittmann; so is the F. I. D. E. of this spontaneous cooperation of U. S. A. Chess!

With kindest regards and chess compliments I am,

A. RUEB

President, F.I.D.E.

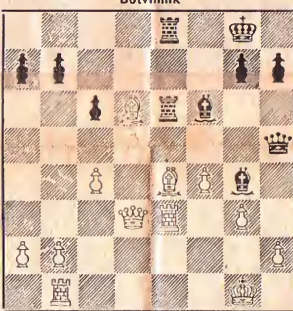
with his favorite Dutch Defense, against which Reshevsky proceeded very aggressively. Botvinnik was readily disposed to swap blows with him. A thrilling encounter resulted, with a perpetual check winding up the battle.

DUTCH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 9

White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	M. BOTVINNIK
1. P-Q4	13. Kt-K3
2. P-QB4	14. QxP
3. P-KK3	15. P-B4
4. B-K12	16. Kt-K1
5. Kt-KR3	17. R-K1
6. O-O	18. Q-Q3
7. Kt-B3	19. B-Q2
8. P-K4	20. Q-R1
9. Kt-B4	21. R-K4
10. Kt-P	22. BxP
11. B-K1	23. R-K3
12. Kt-K12	24. Q-Q2

After 23. R-K3



White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	M. BOTVINNIK
23.	24. R-K3
24. QxR	25. R-K3
25. Q-B7	26. Kt-K1
26. R-K1	27. Kt-K1
27. QxKtP	28. BxR ch
28. K-B2	29. Kt-K1
	30. K-B2
	31. Kt-K1
	32. Kt-K1
	33. Kt-K1
	34. Kt-K1
	35. Kt-K1
	36. Kt-K1
	37. Kt-K1
	38. Kt-K1
	39. Kt-K1
	40. Kt-K1
	41. Kt-K1
	42. Kt-K1
	43. Kt-K1
	44. Kt-K1
	45. Kt-K1
	46. Kt-K1
	47. Kt-K1
	48. Kt-K1
	49. Kt-K1
	50. Kt-K1

Euwe got a good game in a Ruy Lopez with a very tight maneuvering game in which Smyslov, by clever, patient play gradually got the upper hand. Continuing his steady play, Smyslov won a well played ending.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 9

White	Black
V. SMYSLOV	DR. EUWE
1. P-K4	36. B-R3
2. Kt-KB3	37. P-K14
3. B-K15	38. P-B3
4. B-R4	39. Kt-Q3
5. O-O	40. BxKt
6. R-K1	41. P-K15
7. P-K3	42. P-P4
8. P-B3	43. P-K15
9. B-B2	44. K-B2
10. P-Q4	45. Kt-K3
11. QK1-Q2	46. B-R5
12. Kt-B1	47. Kt-K3
13. PxP	48. B-Q2
14. R-K2	49. Kt-B2
15. Kt-K1	50. B-K2
16. P-K3	51. B-QR5
17. B-K12	52. B-K14
18. Q-Q2	53. B-K6
19. R-QB1	54. PxP
20. Kt-K1	55. P-K14
21. B-K11	56. PxP
22. P-Q5	57. PxP ch
23. B-B3	58. B-B7
24. P-KR4	59. BxP
25. B-R5	60. K-K4
26. Kt-B1	61. B-B5
27. R-R4	62. B-K6
28. Kt-K1	63. Kt-K3
29. Q-K15	64. K-B5
30. Q-R3	65. Kt-Q3 ch
31. O-O	66. K-B4
32. R-K3	67. Kt-B5 ch
33. B-B2	68. P-K16
34. R-R4 ch	69. PxKt
35. QxQ ch	70. K-K5

Keres simply caved in on the Black side of a Nimzoindian against Botvinnik. It is difficult to understand the way that Keres handled the opening, as he left Botvinnik with an ideal attacking position. A two-piece sacrifice crushed Keres in short order.

Tuesday, April 20, 1948

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

RAPID TRANSIT, Sweden:—58 players took part in a rapid transit tournament . . . they all played in the same group and decided on a double round . . . thus making it 114 games to play! This must be like Smorgasbord to them. 1. G. Stoltz 101½ points; 2. E. Lundin 101; 3. F. Ekstrom 100; 4. O. Borjesson 92½; 5. G. Danielsson 90½; 6. Z. Nilsson 86; etc. What a battle Royal!

PRAGUE:—Rapid Transit Championship is: 1. Kottbauer 15 out of 16 points; S. Stulik, etc.

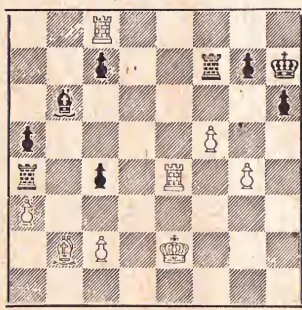
BRUSSELS:—Here is a short game from the Belgium Rapid Transit Championship held in Brussels: White: Devos; Black: Ambuhl; Pe troff Defense.

1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3;
3. P-Q4, Kt-P4; 4. B-Q3, P-Q4; 5. Kt-P4, B-Q3; 6. O-O, O-O; 7. P-QB4, P-QB3;
8. PxP, PxP; 9. Q-B2, B-KB4; 10. Kt-QB3, P-B3; 11. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 12. Kt-QP, R-K1; 13. Kt-K3, B-K3; 14. Kt-R4, Kt-QP; 15. Kt-B1, Kt-Q; 16. B-B4 ch, R-K3; 17. BxR mate.

ISTAMBOUL:—The Championship of Turkey was won by Selim Palavan; 23. Mubin Boysan and Musa Tebi, etc. Here's a game won by the Champion, who is a teacher at the University: White: Selim Palavan; Black: Serj. Poranogov; Queen's Gambit Accepted.

1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3;
3. P-B4, PxP; 4. P-K3, P-K3; 5. BxP, P-B4; 6. O-O, P-QR3; 7. P-QR4, Kt-QB3; 8. Q-K2, PxP; 9. R-Q1, B-K2 (Euwe recommends here 9. P-Q6; 10. BxP, Q-B2); 10. PxP (Rubinstein always retook with the Kt.), O-O; 11. Kt-QB3, Q-B2 (Better was to continue as in the game, Rubinstein - Wolf, Carlsbad, 1923: 11. Kt-QK5; 12. Kt-K5, P-QK13; 13. B-KK15, Kt-QK4; 14. B-KK15, B-Q2; 15. Q-RB1, KR-K1; 16. Kt-K5, QR-Q1; 17. B-K3, Q-K13; 18. B-B2, Kt-P (Permits the Turkish Champion to delight the onlookers with a pleasant combination); 19. R-Kt1, QxR; 20. R-Q1, Q-QK15; 21. BxKt, BxP; 22. BxRP ch, K-B1 (if 20. KxP; 21. Q-R5 ch, K-Kt1; 22. QxP ch, K-R1; 23. R-Q3 wins easily); 23. Kt-B ch, R-Kt1 (if K-K2; then 22. Kt-Q5 ch); 24. R-R, BxKt; 25. PxP, QxRP; 26. R-QK1, R-Q1; 27. P-K13, Q-Q ch; 28. QxQ, R-Q ch; 29. Kt-K2, P-K13; 30. BxKtP, PxP; 31. R-Kt6, K-B2; 32. R-RP, Black resigns.

Position No. 1



Black to move

WHAT IS THE BEST MOVE:— "What is the best move" is a series of positions from actual tournament games old and new. Try to solve the position (or idea) from the diagram. It will teach your "mind's-eye" a few good pointers for future use. Send in your solutions addressed to "What Is the Best Move," CHESS LIFE; and outside the first move add a main line too. Correct solvers' names will be published. (If you cannot solve them from the diagram, set the position

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BOTVINNIK INCREASES LEAD

RESHEVSKY'S CHANCE RESTS IN FINAL ROUND RECOVERY

Must Defeat Botvinnik, Keres, Smyslov In All Remaining Games to Win Title

By Fred Reinfeld

18th Round: Keres 0, Reshevsky 1; Ruy Lopez, 40 moves. Botvinnik 1/2, Smyslov 1/2; 80 moves. With six more games left to play, Botvinnik is already being spoken of as the next World Champion. Only Reshevsky may be said to have an outside chance to catch up to Botvinnik; and at that Sammy is a clear 2 1/2 points to the bad! The 19th round encounter between these two players should tell us everything. Botvinnik's wonderful steadiness ("guts" is another word for it) explains his ability to get out in front and stay there. Reshevsky is making a superhuman effort to keep in the running, but he has too much slack to take up from earlier rounds. His 13th round game was peculiar: in the first part of the game he played rings around Keres, then he weakened badly, and Keres eventually scored the point. However, the return encounter between these players in Round 18 must have been a hum-dinger—this time Sammy was relentless.

Botvinnik is beginning to acquire a lead of considerable proportions. In his last two tournaments, he built up such a big lead in the first two-thirds of each contest that even when he succumbed later on to physical strain, his accumulated lead was enough to see him through.

In this tournament he is again building up a big lead; but since play proceeds at the rate of three games a week, the physical fatigue

is more easily repaired. Hence it is likely that Botvinnik will get through the tournament in good physical shape. If that happens, there is no telling how big his lead will get!

One of the big factors that will affect the outcome is that, according to the observations of on-the-spot commentators, Keres seems to be quite overawed by Botvinnik. Thus Golombek remarks: "... Keres gives the impression of being intimidated by his formidable opponent, and seems to have no ideas at all except to try for a draw by exchanges of pieces and general passivity—the surest way, in actual practice, of losing ... It is sad to see a really great player play like this."

Reshevsky's weakness in the opening definitely handicaps him. In a mixed tournament this flaw is less noticeable, partly because some of the opposition is likewise weak in the opening, partly because it is fairly easy to make miraculous recoveries against weak opposition. Against top-notchers, however, it is much more difficult to overcome the effects of poor opening play. There is just one hedge against this poor augury for Reshevsky's chances: the fact that Sammy always does better at the end of a tournament than at the beginning. However, the technique of the last-minute rush, though

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

STANDINGS (Eighteen Rounds)

Botvinnik	10-4
Reshevsky	7 1/2-6 1/2
Keres	7 1/2-7 1/2
Smyslov	7 1/2-7 1/2
Euwe	3 1/2-10 1/2

good enough to snatch a high prize, is not good enough to snatch the highest prize.

Smyslov, playing much better chess than the writer anticipated, is a good middle-of-the-roader, and will wind up with a creditable score. Not being one of the titans, he has less of a reputation to live up to—a great relief for any player!

ROUND ELEVEN

Smyslov 1, Reshevsky 0; Ruy Lopez, 52 moves. Euwe 0, Keres 1; Ruy Lopez, 25 moves. Botvinnik, bye.

ROUND TWELVE

Botvinnik 1, Euwe 0; QGD (Meran), 36 moves. Keres 1/2, Smyslov 1/2; Gruenfeld, 42 moves. Reshevsky, bye.

ROUND THIRTEEN

Smyslov, Botvinnik 1; Sicilian, 40 moves. Reshevsky 0, Keres 1; QGD (Meran). Euwe, bye.

ROUND FOURTEEN

Botvinnik 0, Reshevsky 1; Nimzowitsch, 42 moves. Euwe 1, Smyslov 0; Gruenfeld, 42 moves. Keres, bye.

ROUND FIFTEEN

Euwe 1/2, Reshevsky 1/2; Reti, 26 moves. Keres, 0 Botvinnik 1; French, 72 moves. Smyslov, bye.

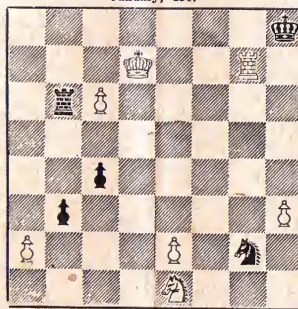
ROUND SIXTEEN

Keres 1, Euwe 0; Ruy Lopez, 34 moves. Reshevsky 1, Smyslov 1; QGD (Slav), 41 moves. Botvinnik, bye.

ROUND SEVENTEEN

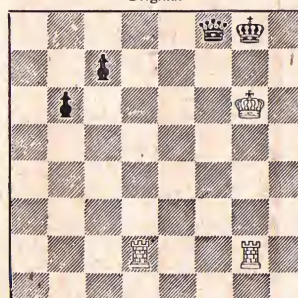
Euwe 1, Botvinnik, 1; French, 29 moves. Smyslov 1, Keres 0; QGD, 41 moves. Reshevsky, bye.

Position No. 15
By Ing. Paul Farago (Cluj)
"La Multi ani, 1947"
Revista Romana de Sah
January, 1947



7k, 3K2R1, 1rP6, 8, 2p5, 1p5P, P8P1a1,
4S3
White to play and win

Position No. 16
By Edmund Nash (Washington)
Dedicated to L. Prokes,
Prague, Czechoslovakia
Original



5qk1, 2p5, 1p4K1, 8, 8, 8, 8R2R1, 8
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

NO TRICKS ILLUSTRATE these two positions, but the victory rests rather in sound endgame playing in which each move must be calculated with exactitude. For each there is one winning move (and only one) but the losing moves are many and attractive.

Position No. 15 represents the sound judgment and taste of the Endgame Editor of the Roumanian Revista Romana de Sah; Position No. 16 is the original composition of an American chess player and composer.

Solutions will be published in the June 5th issue.

Additional Qualifiers Authorized For U. S. Biennial Championship

WITH THE CONCURRENCE of Richard W. Wayne, Chairman of the Tournament Committee, further play has been authorized for Area No. 1, the New England Area, for qualification for the United States Championship Tournament.

The additional qualifying play will be under the direction of Edmund E. Hand, President of the Connecticut State League, and will be held at New Haven, Conn. from May 23rd to May 31st. For further particulars, see For the Tournament-Minded on page 2. The winner will take part in the finals as an added starter.

The fact that additional play has been authorized in this Area is not to be considered in any sense in depreciation of the victory of Weaver W. Adams, who won the tourney at Boston in February, or of the competition there which included some of the strongest New England players. The action was taken solely to remove any possibility of injustice to other players who were entitled to compete but who for lack of timely information did not enter. Announcement of the earlier tourney was published locally, but on too short notice for many of the New England players to make necessary preparations to take part.

A similar situation was created in Area No. 2 which comprised Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By reason of missed signals the New Jersey players misapprehended the playing conditions and did not take part in the qualifying tourney which was held at Philadelphia. To correct this situation, the New Jersey players will compete for an extra place in the finals.

ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.

President, United States Chess Federation

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

AFTER SIXTEEN ROUNDS OF PLAY

	Botvinnik	Keres	Reshevsky	Smyslov	Euwe	Total
Botvinnik	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	9-3
Keres	0 0 0	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	7 1/2-5 1/2
Reshevsky	0 1 1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	6 1/2-6 1/2
Smyslov	1 1/2	0 0 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	6-7
Euwe	0 1/2	0 1/2	0 1/2	0 0 1	1 1/2	3-10

BLINDFOLD MEET AT CLEVELAND

Harald Miller, promising Cleveland junior player, is leading in the ambitious blindfold chess tournament being staged by the junior chess players of Cleveland in which all games are played blindfolded by both players. Twelve junior players are entered in this novel tournament.

NOTICE CLUB SECRETARIES

The Directory of Clubs for the 1947 USCF Yearbook is being compiled. Please notify USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend, 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich. of any changes in your club officials or address, so the listing of your club will be correct.

FRIEDMAN WINS CLEV'L'D JUNIOR

With a clean sweep of no losses and no draws U. S. Junior Champion Larry Friedman captured the 1948 Cleveland Junior Championship with a score of 8-0. Incomplete returns show Harald Miller holding second with 5-3, and Jim Harkins and Rainer Sach tied with 4-4, while Bill Granger and George Miller are tied with 3 1/2-2 1/2. Four games remain to be completed in the tournament.

SIEMMS CAPTURES TORONTO JUNIOR

Ross Siemms, who at the age of 11 distinguished himself in the 1947 U. S. Junior Championship by placing eleventh in a field of forty-five promising juniors with draws against Walter Shipman and Larry Evans, continued to display his talent in winning the 1948 Toronto Junior Championship with five wins, no losses and two draws.

Toronto Junior Championship	
R. Siemms (Annette)	6-1
W. R. Oaker (Parkdale)	5-2
J. Kagan (Central)	5-3
E. Shulman (Oakwood)	4-3
L. Landou (Jarvis)	3-3 1/2
M. Glass (Parkdale)	3-4
F. Gore (Grace)	1-6
D. Douglas (Harbord)	0-7

GEE WINS TITLE AT SACRAMENTO

Victory in the Sacramento (Calif.) City Championship Tournament went to J. B. Gee, CHES LIFE annotator and chess editor of the Sacramento Union, with a score of 5 1/2-1. Second place went to M. O. Meyer, well-known CCLAer, with a score of 5-1. F. B. Jackson placed third with 3 1/2-1.

Sacramento City Championship	
J. B. Gee	5 1/2-1
M. O. Meyer	5-1
F. B. Jackson	3 1/2-2 1/2
A. R. Chapman	2-3
C. A. Iverson	2-3
D. J. Yuk	1-5
J. T. Marianos	0-6

HYDE PARK WINS CHICAGO TITLE

Hyde Park Chess Club, champions of the Chicago Division of the Greater Chicago Chess League, met the Suburban Division Champions, Austin Chess and Checker Club, and defeated them by a score of 4-2 to win the Championship of the League.

Hyde Park		Austin Chess	
Scheffer	1	J. Nowak	0
A. Sandrin, Jr.	1	F. Poschel	0
Swoboda	0	Hildebrandt	1
Kaufmann	1	P. Adams	0
Anderson	0	Stetzer	1
Jurgenson	1	Stauffer	0
Hyde Park	4	Austin	2

HESE, RUBINOW WIN IN AREA 2

H. V. Hesse of Bethlehem, Pa. was the winner of the U. S. Preliminary Tourney in Area 2, played in Philadelphia, with a score of 6-0. Second place went to Sol Rubinow of Philadelphia with 5 1/2-1/2, and Harry Morris of Philadelphia placed third with 4 1/2-1 1/2.

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JUNIOR EYES TURN TO OAK RIDGE

(Letter No. 52)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.
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THE CHESS YOUTH of the nation are looking forward to the third annual tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States which will be held at Oak Ridge, Tennessee the week following the U. S. Open Championship Tournament. Many boys will doubtless be contestants in both events.

Hosts to the juniors will be the Oak Ridge Chess Club and the event will be sponsored by the Oak Ridge Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Oak Ridge Lions' Club, civic organizations which have donated funds to provide housing for the contestants.

Although it is the hope of the hosts and sponsors at Oak Ridge that free accommodations may be provided for all players in the tournament, any entry list of unexpected proportions may make it necessary to award preference to those who are diligent in filling their entries. For that reason, any boy or girl who desires to play should make application at once. Entries should be sent to Mr. William H. Rankins, 113 West Pasadena, Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Entry fee is \$5 and all players must be members in good standing of the USCF. There is no other qualification. It is not necessary to be the champion of your state, city, school or local club. Every player under 21 is welcome.

In addition to the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other players coming from other parts of the country and of playing plenty of chess, the boys and girls will have a chance to enjoy the beauty of one of the most scenic parts of the United States. For their more complete enjoyment, a sight seeing tour of the atomic capital is being arranged.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

CHESSOLITAIRE (\$1.95)

ARE YOU A solitaire chess fan? . . . ever get mixed up in reading a game score? . . . like to pit yourself against the experts either as Black or White (an improvement)? Then try "Chessolitaire," clever and practical invention by chess-playing business executive W. L. Stoddard, Wayland, Mass., who is offering it at a discount price to USCFers of \$1.15. (Address: Chessolitaire, Wayland, Mass.)

In a nut shell, "Chessolitaire" is a small board of highly-polished, hard-finished plywood, with a built-in slide attachment that lets you play either White or Black's side (covering the other, move by move) of any game, thus allowing you to see if you can figure out the next move before it is made.

A knockout for travel and gift purposes, the device has been getting a good bit of publicity lately and was recently mentioned in *Business Week* as the answer on how to make a two-handed game one-handed.

As the inventor points out: "Chessolitaire provides the beginner and the expert with a simple mechanical device so that he can simulate playing against a real opponent" (The outfit includes a number of top-notch games, but any scores will do.) "Chess players know that long years of playing the game, combined with earnest study, are required to gain experience and hence achieve the fullest enjoyment of chess. Busy men and women can rarely find sufficient time to play as many 'live' games as they desire for pleasure and education. Chessolitaire fills this need." (It's ideal for traveling, invalids or shut-ins).

The game of chess is made up of three basic factors—Force, Space and Time. Force is represented by the pieces which each player has at his disposal, and these are symbols of Force. Space is represented by the board upon which the men are arranged in accordance with a definite purpose. Time, since the players move alternately, is represented by the enjoyment of the right—or the fulfillment of the obligation—to move.



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Dr. Siegfert Tarrasch

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Shades of Loyd Or His Spirit Lives

SAM LOYD DURING his lifetime was regarded as the peer of all American problem composers. Recognizing him as such, his words of wisdom in connection with the construction of two-move problems are worthy of repetition in this column.

Many years ago he wrote: "It is a great error in our problemists to be too prolific. One fine problem gives a better reputation than the authorship of a poor or even tolerably good ones. Every composer hits upon simple and inferior ideas; and, having taken the trouble to originate them, he sees no harm in giving them to the public, forgetting that he is offering them as specimens of his skill and style. How much better to boil down a score or so of them into one fine problem, than in after years to have (as I confess to having) a hundred or more which should never have seen the light of a diagram."

"A decidedly objectionable and uninviting style of two-move problem consists of those which, having no particular theme, are lumbered with pieces for the sake of forming variations and those of the waiting style, where although there are no forces which are positively useless, yet nearly every piece is put on to take care of some opposing piece, which in turn has no further effect than to give employment to the other. Neither are exactly deadheads, yet both could be readily removed without injury to the idea, even if it should possess a tangible idea."

"I have often expressed the opinion that it is no easy task to compose a good two-move problem. It should have a decided point, a well defined theme with a sparkle to it; and the difficulty should consist in the surprise of the trick and not in the mere trouble of selecting the correct keymove."

"The feature of difficulty is overrated in two-movers. Any experienced problemist can solve a two-mover the instant his eye takes in the relative bearing and position of the pieces. If the position be so crowded that it requires five seconds more to bring system out of chaos, then these extra seconds are sacrificed to the lack of ability of the composer and not to the merit of the problem."

"The merit of a two-mover should depend upon the brilliancy of its theme, the surprising subtlety of the trick, and the skill with which the forces are economical."

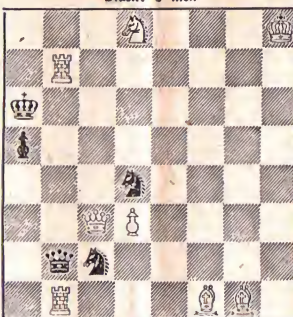
Loyd loved the element of surprise. Most of his compositions demonstrate that he revelled in producing unexpected solutions.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

Problem No. 25

By Vincent Lanius Eaton
Washington, D. C.
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 5 men



White: 8 men

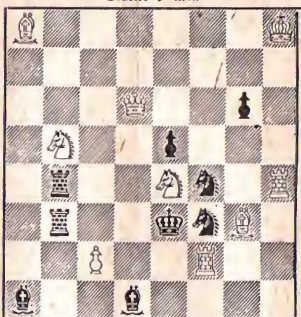
3.KK, 1.R6, k7, p7, 3.Q4, 2.QP1, 1.Q65,
1.R3R1
White mates in two moves

Vincent L. Eaton in Problem No. 25 exhibits a pretty and intriguing theme. I hope you'll enjoy it.

Problem No. 26 was sent to me on a Christmas card by F. Fleck, a Hungarian composer of excellent reputation in the creation of worthwhile problems. The theme illustrated in the main variations is a mutual bivalve. Dr. Partos, who has experimented with the theme, terms it his cyclic bivalve and attaches his name to the idea expressed. The problem in my opinion is one of the most beautiful 2-ers I have laid my eyes on in the past six months. Let me have your reaction after you solve it and study the strategy.

Problem No. 26

By F. Fleck
Budapest, Hungary
Good wishes to Chess Life for 1948
Black: 9 men



White: 9 men

B6K, 8, 3.Q2p1, 1.S2p8, 1.R2S1R, 1.R2K1B1,
2.P2R2, h2b4
White mates in two moves

Solutions:

The keymove of Problem No. 21 is: 1. Q-B5. An illustration of the Dawson (what does Dawson signify?) theme, which in understandable phrase consists of a White piece releasing a Black piece from pin; whereupon the unpinned Black piece by moving places the White piece, making the key in pin. Owing to the unprovided mates for the flights allowed the Black King, the keymove, while accomplishing the theme, is quite obvious. The alternate pinnings of the Black Kt, when the Black King avails himself of his flights by the White Q and R are very pretty.

There are two solutions to Problem No. 22, which is the first unround creation to appear in this column. The author's solution is: 1. R-Q2, P-K4 ch; 2. B-Q7, H 1., P-B6 ch; 2. R-Q4, H 1., other: 2. R-R2. The "cook" is: 1. R-Q4, threat; 2. Q-B6, H 1., BxR; BxP. The "cook" is regrettable.

The following solvers submitted correct solutions to Problem 21 and one solution to Problem No. 22:—Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Jack Spence (Omaha).

Solvers reporting correct solution to Problem No. 21 and two solutions to Problem No. 22 were:—Dean Whitley (Detroit), H. Groendyke and N. Gabor (Cincinnati), James Bolton (New Haven).

Malcolm D. Brown (Wycombe, Pa.) submitted one correct solution to Problem No. 22.

CHESS LIFE TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Two entries only from a composer. Contest closes June 10. Entries to be mailed to Problem Editor, Chess Life, 123 East 7th Street, Newport, Ky. For task conditions refer to issues of CHESS LIFE, February 5, 20 or March 5.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

THE New York City preliminaries of the U. S. Championships have all the appearances of a Masters Tournament. In fact, this event, ably directed by the hard-working Harold M. Phillips, a N. Y. Director of the U.S.C.F., is in many respects the strongest local tournament in recent years. The entry list, boasting as it does the names of Santasiere, Kramer, Shainswit, Bernstein, Pilnick, Weinstein and Rothman, all finalists in previous U. S. championships, as well as such stars as Donovan, Heitner, Evans, Shipman and Soudakoff, is a most impressive meeting of players of uniformly high caliber.

Santasiere assumed an early lead, and, at the end of seven rounds of a ten-round Swiss, was tied with Donovan and Kramer at 5-2. Half a dozen others were bunched at 4½-2½, and, as usually happens with a Swiss System, event, the last few rounds will decide which seven players will classify for the national event.

The tournament has acted as a decided boost to local chess, and the Marshall Chess Club, scene of the matches, has been the Mecca of chess masters and amateurs alike. Understandably, the play has been marked by aggressive tactics on all sides in the early rounds, and by numerous draws as the leaders cautiously retained their top position.

With the last few rounds remaining, it is to be expected that every game, with its added importance as an entry to the finals, will be a contest in which both players struggle to win.

PREDICTION: Santasiere, Donovan, Kramer, Evans, Shainswit, Shipman and Pilnick to be the qualifiers!

For The Tournament-Minded

May 8-9

Kentucky State Championship
Preliminary Tourney
Louisville, Kentucky

Will be played at Louisville Chess Club, Voiture Hall, 617 Fourth St. Final rounds for qualifiers on May 15-16.

May 22-23

Indiana State Championship
Logansport, Ind.

Play begins in Hotel Barnes, Logansport at 7 p. m. Saturday night, May 22. Open to Indiana players. No advance registration required.

May 28-31

U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 2, Added Tourney

New Haven, Connecticut

Additional tourney to qualify one player for U. S. Championship finals will be played at R.R.YMCA, New Haven, Conn., beginning Friday at 7 p. m. For details write Edmund E. Hand, 176 Bassett St., New Haven, Conn.

May 29-31

South Dakota State Championship
Huron, So. Dakota

Open to all So. Dakota players; seven round Swiss; for details write H. L. Saylor, Box 183, Huron, So. Dakota.

Before June 1

U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 2, Added Tourney

New Jersey

To be held before June 1 to qualify one player for U. S. Championship finals. Write Edgar T. McCormick, 102 No. Maple St., East Orange, N.J.

May 30-31

Puget Sound Open Tournament
Tacoma, Washington

Play will begin at 10.00 a. m. at the Carlton Hotel in the rooms of the Tacoma Chess Club; entry fee \$1.50; write for hotel reservations and send entry fee to Ray Hiscox, 3206 So. 58th St. Tacoma 9, Wash.

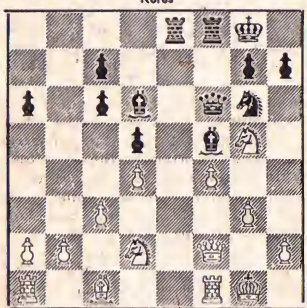
Euwe-Keres took a sensational course. Keres played a line in the Siesta Variation which has been considered refuted ever since the famous game Horowitz-Fine, Syracuse, 1934. Euwe was of course familiar with this line of play; he won a Pawn in the approved manner, but mismanaged his development so badly that Keres had a terrific attack which enabled him to score very quickly.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 11

White				Black			
DR. EUWE				P. KERES			
1. P-K4	P-K4	10. P-K4	B-Q3	10. P-K4	B-Q3	10. P-K4	B-Q3
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	11. Q-B3	Q-B3	11. Q-B3	Q-B3	11. Q-B3	Q-B3
3. B-K5	P-Q3	12. QxP ch	Kt-K2	12. QxP ch	Kt-K2	12. QxP ch	Kt-K2
4. B-R4	P-Q3	13. BxKt ch	PxR	13. BxKt ch	PxR	13. BxKt ch	PxR
5. P-B3	P-B4	14. Q-O2	O-O	14. Q-O2	O-O	14. Q-O2	O-O
6. PxP	BxP	15. Kt-Q2	Kt-K3	15. Kt-Q2	Kt-K3	15. Kt-Q2	Kt-K3
7. P-Q4	P-K5	16. P-KK3	QR-K1	16. P-KK3	QR-K1	16. P-KK3	QR-K1
8. Kt-K15	P-Q4	17. Q-B2		17. Q-B2		17. Q-B2	
9. P-B3	P-K6						

After 17. Q-B2



White				Black			
DR. EUWE				P. KERES			
17. R-K1	B-Q6	22. K-K12	P-R3	17. R-K1	B-Q6	22. K-K12	P-R3
18. QxR	RxR ch	23. Q-Q2	Q-B4	18. QxR	RxR ch	23. Q-Q2	Q-B4
19. QxR	BxP	24. K-K3	PxK1	19. QxR	BxP	24. K-K3	PxK1
20. PxR	KtP	25. B-Q2	B-K5	20. PxR	KtP	25. B-Q2	B-K5
21. QKt-B3	Kt-K7 ch	Resigns		21. QKt-B3	Kt-K7 ch	Resigns	

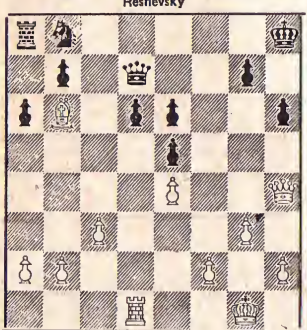
Smyslov-Reshevsky repeated the story of so many of Sammy's games. His poor opening play handicaps him too cruelly in competition against first-class players. Smyslov played the whole game very scientifically, with slick tactical threats to back up his strategic aims.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 11

White				Black			
V. SMYSLOV				S. RESHEVSKY			
1. P-K4	P-K4	14. K-K3	PxK1	1. P-K4	P-K4	14. K-K3	PxK1
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	15. Q-B3	B-K3	2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	15. Q-B3	B-K3
3. B-K15	P-Q3	16. R-Q1	BxK1	3. B-K15	P-Q3	16. R-Q1	BxK1
4. B-R4	P-Q3	17. RxR	Q-K2	4. B-R4	P-Q3	17. RxR	Q-K2
5. P-B3	Kt-K2	18. B-Q5	Kt-B1	5. P-B3	Kt-K2	18. B-Q5	Kt-B1
6. P-Q4	B-Q2	19. B-K3	Kt-K3	6. P-Q4	B-Q2	19. B-K3	Kt-K3
7. P-K3	P-R3	20. QR-Q1	KR-Q1	7. P-K3	P-R3	20. QR-Q1	KR-Q1
8. QKt-Q2	Kt-K3	21. P-K3	PxR	8. QKt-Q2	Kt-K3	21. P-K3	PxR
9. Kt-B4	B-K2	22. RxR	K-R1	9. Kt-B4	B-K2	22. RxR	K-R1
10. O-O	O-O	23. Q-K14	K-R1	10. O-O	O-O	23. Q-K14	K-R1
11. Kt-K3	B-K1	24. B-K16	Kt-K1	11. Kt-K3	B-K1	24. B-K16	Kt-K1
12. Kt-Q5	R-K1	25. BxK1	PxR	12. Kt-Q5	R-K1	25. BxK1	PxR
13. PxP	BxP	26. Q-R4	Q-Q2	13. PxP	BxP	26. Q-R4	Q-Q2

After 26... Q-Q2



White				Black			
V. SMYSLOV				S. RESHEVSKY			
27. Q-Q5 ch	QxQ	40. R-R7	K-K1	27. Q-Q5 ch	QxQ	40. R-R7	K-K1
28. BxQ	Kt-Q2	41. P-K14	P-R6	28. BxQ	Kt-Q2	41. P-K14	P-R6
29. B-B7	Kt-B4	42. K-K13	R-K7	29. B-B7	Kt-B4	42. K-K13	R-K7
30. RxP	R-QB1	43. K-B3	R-R7	30. RxP	R-QB1	43. K-B3	R-R7
31. B-K16	Kt-R5	44. K-B3	K-B1	31. B-K16	Kt-R5	44. K-B3	K-B1
32. RxP	Kt-K1P	45. P-K3	R-R8	32. RxP	Kt-K1P	45. P-K3	R-R8
33. RxP	Kt-B5	46. K-B4	P-R7	33. RxP	Kt-B5	46. K-B4	P-R7
34. R-K6	Kt-B3	47. P-K5	K-K1	34. R-K6	Kt-B3	47. P-K5	K-K1
35. RxKt	RxP	48. K-B5	R-KB8	35. RxKt	RxP	48. K-B5	R-KB8
36. RxKt	R-B7	49. RxP	RxP ch	36. RxKt	R-B7	49. RxP	RxP ch
37. P-KR4	RxRP	50. K-K16	K-B1	37. P-KR4	RxRP	50. K-K16	K-B1
38. K-K12	P-QR4	51. R-R8 ch	K-K2	38. K-K12	P-QR4	51. R-R8 ch	K-K2
39. P-R5	P-R5	52. R-R7 ch	Resigns	39. P-R5	P-R5	52. R-R7 ch	Resigns

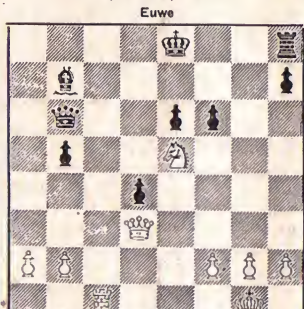
Euwe got a good game with the Meran Defense, but seemed quite unconcerned about the safety of his King. His judgment seemed to be borne out by the fact that pieces were steadily exchanged during the early middle game. Yet a surprise sacrifice by Botvinnik at move 22 forced the win of Euwe's Queen, and the rest was easy.

QGD (MERAN DEFENSE)

World Championship, Round 12

White				Black			
M. BOTVINNIK				DR. EUWE			
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	12. PxKt	Q-K13	1. P-Q4	P-Q4	12. PxKt	Q-K13
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	13. PxP	BxP	2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	13. PxP	BxP
3. P-K4	P-K4	14. O-O	Kt-B4	3. P-K4	P-K4	14. O-O	Kt-B4
4. Kt-B3	P-B3	15. B-KB4	B-K12	4. Kt-B3	P-B3	15. B-KB4	B-K12
5. P-K3	QKt-Q2	16. R-K1	R-Q1	5. P-K3	QKt-Q2	16. R-K1	R-Q1
6. B-Q3	PxP	17. R-QB1	R-Q4	6. B-Q3	PxP	17. R-QB1	R-Q4
7. BxP	P-QK4	18. B-K5	BxR	7. BxP	P-QK4	18. B-K5	BxR
8. B-Q3	P-QR3	19. RxR	RxR	8. B-Q3	P-QR3	19. RxR	RxR
9. P-K4	P-B4	20. KtR	Kt-B3	9. P-K4	P-B4	20. KtR	Kt-B3
10. P-K5	PxP	21. QxKt	P-B3	10. P-K5	PxP	21. QxKt	P-B3
11. Kt-KtP	PxKt			11. Kt-KtP	PxKt		

After 21... P-B3



White				Black			
M. BOTVINNIK				DR. EUWE			
22. Q-KK13	PxKt	30. Q-Q2	P-K4	22. Q-KK13	PxKt	30. Q-Q2	P-K4
23. Q-K17	R-B1	31. PxR	PxP	23. Q-K17	R-B1	31. PxR	PxP
24. P-B7	QxR	32. K-B2	K-B2	24. P-B7	QxR	32. K-B2	K-B2
25. Q-Q3	B-Q4	33. K-K3	K-K3	25. Q-Q3	B-Q4	33. K-K3	K-K3
26. QxP	P-Q6	34. Q-K14	R-QB2	26. QxP	P-Q6	34. Q-K14	R-QB2
27. Q-K3	B-B5	35. K-Q2	R-B3	27. Q-K3	B-B5	35. K-Q2	R-B3
28. P-QK13	R-B2	36. P-QR4	Resigns	28. P-QK13	R-B2	36. P-QR4	Resigns
29. P-B3	R-Q2			29. P-B3	R-Q2		

Keres played superficially against Smyslov's Gruenfeld Defense (for proper handling of the variation, see Euwe-Smyslov, below), leading to a colorless draw.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 12

White				Black			
P. KERES				V. SMYSLOV			
1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3	22. K-K12	P-R5	1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3	22. K-K12	P-R5
2. P-Q4	P-KK13	23. R-K2	B-Q3	2. P-Q4	P-KK13	23. R-K2	B-Q3
3. Kt-KB3	P-Q4	24. QR-K1	RxR	3. Kt-KB3	P-Q4	24. QR-K1	RxR
4. Kt-B3	B-K12	25. RxR	R-K1	4. Kt-B3	B-K12	25. RxR	R-K1
5. Q-K13	PxP	26. RxR ch	OxR	5. Q-K13	PxP	26. RxR ch	OxR
6. QxRP	O-O	27. B-B6	B-B1	6. QxRP	O-O	27. B-B6	B-B1
7. P-K4	B-K15	28. P-Q6	PxP	7. P-K4	B-K15	28. P-Q6	PxP
8. B-K3	Kt-K12	29. QxP	Q-K3	8. B-K3	Kt-K12	29. QxP	Q-K3
9. P-K13	Kt-K13	30. B-B3	QxP	9. P-K13	Kt-K13	30. B-B3	QxP
10. R-Q1	P-K4	31. Q-K4	P-B4	10. R-Q1	P-K4	31. Q-K4	P-B4
11. PxP	QKt-Q2	32. Q-Q4	K-B2	11. PxP	QKt-Q2	32. Q-Q4	K-B2
12. B-Q2	Q-K2	33. Q-R8	K-K1	12. B-Q2	Q-K2	33. Q-R8	K-K1
13. B-KK15	Q-K1	34. QxP	Q-B2	13. B-KK15	Q-K1	34. QxP	Q-B2
14. K-K15	Kt-K1	35. Q-R4	Q-Q4 ch	14. K-K15	Kt-K1	35. Q-R4	Q-Q4 ch
15. Kt-Q5	Kt-K1	36. K-K11	Q-Q4 ch	15. Kt-Q5	Kt-K1	36. K-K11	Q-Q4 ch
16. PxK1	Kt-K1 ch	37. K-K12	Q-Q4 ch	16. PxK1	Kt-K1 ch	37. K-K12	Q-Q4 ch
17. BxK1	BxR	38. P-B3	Q-K4	17. BxK1	BxR	38. P-B3	Q-K4
18. QxR	Q-Q2	39. Q-Q4	Q-K7 ch	18. QxR	Q-Q2	39. Q-Q4	Q-K7 ch
19. R-Q2	KR-K1	40. O-B2	QxQ ch	19. R-Q2	KR-K1	40. O-B2	QxQ ch
20. R-B1	B-K4	41. KxQ	K-B2	20. R-B1	B-K4	41. KxQ	K-B2
21. P-KK13	P-QR4	42. K-K3	Drawn	21. P-KK13	P-QR4	42. K-K3	Drawn

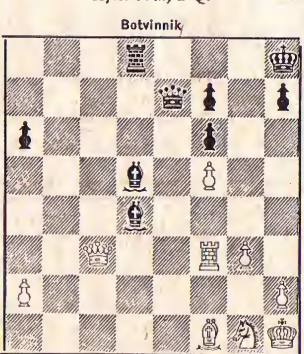
Indicating that he was out to win, Botvinnik played the Sicilian Defense against Smyslov. The latter could not make up his mind as to policy, alternating between aggressive and simplifying play. Botvinnik made good use of his Bishop-pair, steadily augmenting the pressure until he finally won the exchange.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 13

White				Black			
V. SMYSLOV				M. BOTVINNIK			
1. P-K4	P-QB4	19. Q-Q4	P-B4	1. P-K4	P-QB4	19. Q-Q4	P-B4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	20. QxP (B4)	B-Q3	2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	20. QxP (B4)	B-Q3
3. P-Q4	PxP	21. P-KK13	B-K14	3. P-Q4	PxP	21. P-KK13	B-K14
4. KtP	Kt-B3	22. B2	PxP	4. KtP	Kt-B3	22. B2	PxP
5. Kt-QB3	P-Q3	23. PxP	QR-K1	5. Kt-QB3	P-Q3	23. PxP	QR-K1
6. B-KK15	P-K3	24. R-B2	R-K6	6. B-KK15	P-K3	24. R-B2	R-K6
7. B-K2	B-K2	25. B-K12	Q-K2	7. B-K2	B-K2	25. B-K12	Q-K2
8. O-O	O-O	26. Kt-K15	B-Q6	8. O-O	O-O	26. Kt-K15	B-Q6
9. Kt-K15	PxP	27. Q-Q2	R-Q1	9. Kt-K15	PxP	27. Q-Q2	R-Q1
10. BxK1	K-R1	28. R-B3	R-K1	10. BxK1	K-R1	28. R-B3	R-K1
11. Kt-Q4	R-K1	29. R-Q1	B-B4	11. Kt-Q4	R-K1	29. R-Q1	B-B4
12. R-K1	R-KK1	30. P-K13	R-K8	12. R-K1	R-KK1	30. P-K13	R-K8
13. P-B4	B-Q2	31. PxP	RxR	13. P-B4	B-Q2	31. PxP	RxR
14. B-B3	R-QB1	32. B-B1	RxR	14. B-B3	R-QB1	32. B-B1	RxR
15. Kt-Kt	P-K1	33. QxP	R-Q1	15. Kt-Kt	P-K1	33. QxP	R-Q1
16. Kt-K2	P-Q4	34. Q-B2	B-Q4	16. Kt-K2	P-Q4	34. Q-B2	B-Q4
17. P-B5	Q-B2	35. Q-B3	B-Q5	17. P-B5	Q-B2	35. Q-B3	B-Q5
18. P-B4	PxQP			18. P-B4	PxQP		

After 35... B-Q5



White				Black			
V. SMYSLOV				M. BOTVINNIK			
36. Q-Q3	Q-K6	39. BxR	R-Q7	36. Q-Q3	Q-K6	39. BxR	R-Q7
37. Q-Q3	BxQ	40. Kt-K2	RxP	37. Q-Q3	BxQ	40. Kt-K2	RxP
38. B-K12	BxR	Resigns		38. B-K12	BxR	Resigns	

Chess Takes To Print, Says Gene Collett

Chess columns are bustin' out all over! Since publication of an article in CHESS LIFE last December 20, listing 23 columns in newspapers and magazines (not including purely chess papers), at least seven others have put in their appearance.

Latest of these in Washington (D. C.) Star is edited by Donald Muiridge, chess champion of the District of Columbia. It made its bow February 22. Washington has been without a newspaper chess column since the death of Willard Mutchler in January, 1947. He had been chess editor of the Washington Post for 24 years.

The Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette chess column was revived February 8 by Edward M. Foy and Lynn Cavendish, after a lapse of 15 years. It is West Virginia's only chess column. Walt Crede's column in the Charleston Mail was dropped in 1944, due to the paper shortage, after a run of 10 years.

World Blindfold Chessmaster George Koltanowski, a contributing editor of CHESS LIFE, has a column in the Santa Rosa (Cal.) Press Democrat. Others, already reported in CHESS LIFE's pages are Mrs. Mary Bain's column in The Week, a magazine published at Miami, Fla.; and another in a daily paper at Sedalia, Md.

In addition the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times and the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Evening Independent run regular news columns on the activities of the St. Petersburg Chess Divan, written by Dr. A. B. Ferguson; and New York's experimental PM has blossomed forth with a column edited by I. A. Horowitz.

J. W. COLLINS WINS FIRST ENCOUNTER

In the World Correspondence Chess Championship conducted by the International Correspondence Chess Ass'n, John W. Collins has just defeated R. Frutsaert of Bruxelles, Belgium, playing the Black side of a French Defense. White was forced to resign at the 20th move to avoid mate or the loss of his Queen. Collins is a former U. S. Correspondence Chess Champion and member of the CCLA.

(Postponed Keres-Reshevsky game not available as we go to Press.)

Both games were sensational in Round 14. Reshevsky played the Nimzoindian Defense in a way that would have gladdened the heart of its founder. Early in the game he trained his sights on the hostile doubled Queen's Bishop Pawn. Throughout the midgame complications he kept his eye on this Pawn, and on the 35th move his pressure was so strong that Botvinnik was reduced to complete immobility!

Wednesday, May 5, 1948

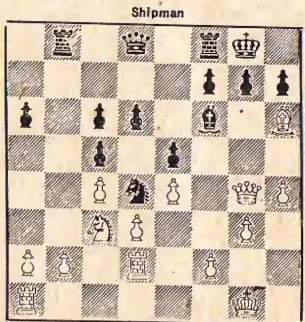
RUY LOPEZ

U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by J. Soudakoff

- White Black
A. ROTHMAN W. SHIPMAN
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. B-R4 Kt-B3
2. Kt-K3 Kt-QB3 5. O-O P-Q3
3. B-K2 P-QB3 6. P-B4
The Duras Variation which forestalls Black's P-QK4 and P-Q4, but which leaves White with a weakness at Q4 unless he succeeds in advancing his QP two squares.
6. B-K15
It is surprising that this move is not seen more often—as it is the natural way to restrain P-Q4 by White.
7. P-KR3 BxK1 10. Kt-B3 O-O
8. Qx8 B-K2 11. R-Q1
9. BxKt ch PxB
Pointless. White's best chances are to play for P-B4. It is clear that the Q-file will not be opened.
11. P-B4 13. Q-K4 Kt-K1
12. P-Q3 Kt-Q2
The Kt goes to QKt square en route to Q5—a manoeuvre reminiscent of Steinitz and Nimzowitsch. This particular variation seems to be very conducive to Kt manoeuvres. See Keres-Reshevsky, 8th round, the Hague, 1948.
14. Kt-Q5 Kt-B3 16. P-KR4
15. B-R6 B-B3
A feeble attacking gesture.
16. Kt-Q5 Kt-Q7 17. P-KK3
A weakening of the position.
17. R-K1 R-Q2
Better was 18. P-K15.
18. P-B3 19. Kt-B3?

After 19. Kt-B3?



Loses at once. Relatively better was 19. RxB ch. QxR! 20. R-R1. Q-B4 although Black has the better game. Also inadequate was 19. Kt-K3. K-R1! 20. B-K15. BxR! 21. PxB. QxP.

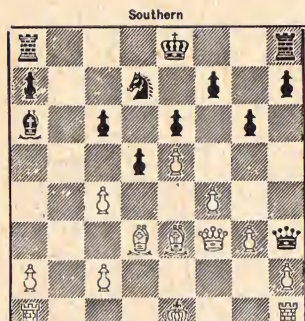
19. B-B1
The exchange of Qs is embarrassing to White, for his Q is needed to prevent both PxB and Kt-B6 ch.
20. Q-Q5 PxB 22. K-K12 B-K12
21. QxRP Kt-B6 ch Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE
U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 4, Johnson City, 1948

Notes by Martin Southern

- White Black
N. T. WHITAKER M. SOUTHERN
1. P-K4 P-QB4 5. Kt-QB3 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-P 6. B-K3 B-K15
3. Kt-K3 Kt-QB3 7. B-Q3 BxKt ch
4. KtP Kt-B3
7. Q-R4 looks better.
8. PxB P-Q4 11. P-KB4 Q-R5 ch
9. KtKt P-K1 12. P-K13 Q-R6
10. P-K5 Kt-Q2 13. Q-B3 P-K13
And here 13. P-KR4.
14. P-B4
I thought it led to B6 of opposite color and a certain draw. It led to B6 of opposite color.

After 14. P-B4



- Whitaker Denker
15. PxP BxB 17. PxBt BxP
16. P-KP KtP 18. P-B7
17. P-B7
18. O-O 22. R-KB4 B-Q4
19. R-OB1 Q-B4 23. P-QR4 KR-B1
20. QxO BxO 24. P-R5 K-K12?
21. O-O B-K3
Hastens the end—but of course the B can penetrate from the other side.
25. B-B5 P-K14 31. BxP ch K-B2
26. B-B6 P-K15 32. R-Q3 K-K2
27. B-Q6 P-K15 33. R-Q2 K-K1
28. R-KB4 B-B3 34. R-Q1-Q4 K-B2
29. P-R6 P-B3 35. R-Q8 K-K2
30. R-QB3 PxP 36. R-Q2-Q7 mate

QUEEN PAWN OPENING

Puerto Rico Championship
San Juan, 1948

Notes by A. Y. Hesse

- White Black
F. BENITEZ M. COLON
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-Q2
2. Kt-KB3 P-K3
Premature, indicating immediate advance of the KP before proper preparation; and White practically surrenders the initiative. Rather 3. P-B4 followed by Kt-B3.

Tournament Life

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PAWNS CLUB WINS CLEVELAND TITLE

By virtue of a crushing victory over the Cleveland Chess Club the Pawns Chess Club again won the Cleveland City League Championship. The finish was very close with both the Cleveland Chess Club and the Lakewood Chess Club in the running until the very last round, due in part to the unexpected victory of Lakewood over the Pawns in the eighth round by a score of 3-1.

Cleveland City League		
Pawns Club	27-10	7-1
Cleveland Club	27-18	6-13
Lakewood Club	28-20	8-12
N. Y. Central Y	21-19	5-8
Checkmate Club	23-20	4-4
Case Chess Club	15-17	4-4
South Euclid Club	14-22	13-6
Brooklyn Chessists	10-29	1-7
Queens Club	5-33	1-7

U. S. POST OFFICE TOPS INDUSTRIAL

In Cleveland the defending champions, U. S. Post Office Chess Team, again topped the Industrial League by winning the four team playoff between the leaders of the First and Second Divisions of the League. Ohio Bell Telephone placed second.

Playoff Standings	Matches	Games
U. S. Post Office	8-0	103-23
Ohio Bell Telephone	2-1	63-65
Thompson Products	2-1	64-68
Cleveland Graphite Bronze	0-3	52-63

In the regular league season Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co. won the first division championship with Thompson Products Co. second; and U. S. Post Office won the second division title with Ohio Bell Telephone in second place.

Final Standings (1st Division)	Games	Matches
Cleveland Graphite	21-11	5-1
Thompson Products	22-13	63-13
Lakewood Club	23-17	42-24
Bush Development	20-14	3-8
Walden Chess Co.	10-17	13-14
Cleveland Form Tool Co.	8-18	13-14
N. Y. Central YMOA	8-21	1-6

*Includes playoff games for second place.

Final Standings (2nd Division)	Games	Matches
U. S. Post Office	22-8	63-3
Ohio Bell Telephone	17-9	5-1
Atlantic Tool & Die Co.	14-9	4-2
National Carton Co.	14-10	3-8
Warner & Swasey Co.	13-13	23-33
R-K Tool & Die Co.	12-11	1-6
Mick Construction Co.	23-22	0-5

HERNANDEZ TIED WITH MONTANO

In the annual double round-robin championship tournament of the Tampa Chess Club, Nestor Hernandez and Arthur Montano tied for first place with 18-4 each. Third place went to W. A. Reynolds with 14-8, fourth to S. Castro with 13½-8½, and fifth to J. B. Gibson with 12-10.

At the annual election J. B. Gibson was elected president, Eli Solomon vice-president, Arthur Montano secretary, and Robert A. Delcher treasurer.

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45. R-Q1 Q-B5 ch 46. K-K1 Q-K5 ch
Admits defeat, but White's Q and R are too dangerous to leave on the board.
47. QxQ P-Q4
48. R-K1 is equally strong. The win is in sight.
48. K-B1 49. K-B1 P-R4
A last gasp.
50. K-Q2 P-R5 51. K-K3 Resigns
If B1, P-R6; 52. R-Q2, B-B4 and White's Q-side Ps win easily.

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

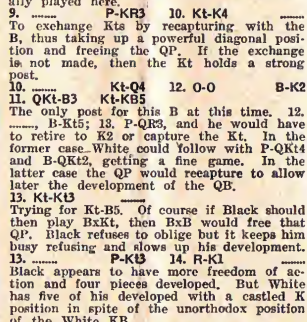
Practice Match

New York, 1948

Notes by Edward J. Korpany

- White Black
A. S. DENKER S. RESHEVSKY
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
This is something we have been hoping for and judging by his next move Denker welcomes it.
4. Kt-K15 P-Q4 7. PxP PxP
5. P-K15 ch P-B3 8. Q-B3
For many years we have been told that this line gives White an inferior game. But Denker plunges right into that line and does very well, thank you. Perhaps he has found something.
8. Q-B2 9. B-Q3
This may be what he has found. Contrary to precepts of decades he places his KB right in front of the QP. This is done in certain close openings where the Bs are fianchettoed, but to our knowledge not usually played here.
9. P-KR3 10. Kt-K4
To exchange Kt's by recapturing with the B, thus taking up a powerful diagonal position and freeing the QP. If the exchange is not made, then the Kt holds a strong post.
10. Kt-Q4 12. O-O B-K2
11. Kt-K15 Kt-KB5
The only post for this B at this time. 12. B-K15; 13. P-Q3, and he would like to retire to K2 or capture the Kt. In the former case White could follow with P-QK4 and B-QK2, getting a fine game. In the latter case the QP would recapture to allow later the development of the QB.
13. Kt-K15
Trying for Kt-B5. Of course if Black should then play BxKt, then BxB would free that QP. Black refuses to oblige but it keeps him busy refusing and slows up his development.
13. P-K15 14. R-K1
Black appears to have more freedom of action and four pieces developed. But White has five of his developed with a castled K position in spite of the unorthodox position of the White KB.
14. O-O 15. B-B1
Now this B can move where it won't be in the way and very handy for defense when necessary.
15. Kt-K15 16. P-Q3 Kt-Q5
Black here gets in his kick. He forces the White Q back to its own square and opens the QB diagonal. Of course this B could have moved before this to QK2 but White's P-Q15 and P-QK4 would give embarrassment to Black.
16. Q-Q1 K-R2
Black sees the possibilities and gets prepared.
18. QKt-K2 Kt-K3
White keeps Sammy busy retiring. That leaves White with the initiative.
19. Q-Q2 B-K4
By the threat of mate White gains time to get his Q into action again. At the same time Black is prevented from doing anything really worth anything.
20. Q-B3 21. P-B4
Energetic play. White's Q hasn't moved yet but it's working now. If 21. PxB; 22. QxB, PxB; 23. KtP, Q-Q1. In this case we consider Black's 23. Q-Q1 essential because the White Q would hold a powerful position. But whatever the subsequent play White would remain a P to the good with a strong preponderance of Ps on the Q-side and otherwise with at least as good a position as Black's.
21. KtP; 22. KtKt, P-K1; 23. QxB, PxB; 24. R-K7, PxB ch; 25. K-R1 and Black would become miserable.
21. QKt-K2 22. P-B5
Some more energy. But Black isn't very bashful either.
22. Kt-K4

After 22. Kt-K4



The sealing move—blocks off the White Q and leads to a fine B move.
33. Kt-R5 ch Kt-K1 35. Kt-K15 RxBt ch
34. P-K4 B-K5 ch Resigns
Made in two follows 36. P-R (forced). A splendid finish to a well played game by Sr. Colon, the new Puerto Rico Champion.

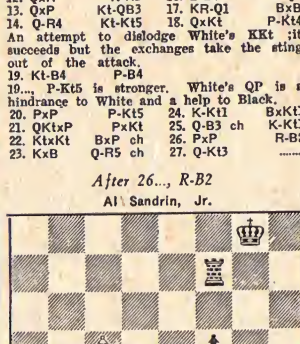
PETROFF DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 3, Chicago, 1948

Notes by J. B. Gee

- White Black
ANG. SANDRIN AL. SANDRIN, JR.
1. P-K4 P-K4 5. P-Q4 P-Q4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 6. B-Q3 B-Q3
3. KtP P-Q3 7. O-O O-O
4. Kt-KB3 KtP
Correct is 7. P-B4. B-KK15. After the text, 8. BxKt, P-R1, Kt-K15 and Black has some difficulty defending his P.
6. P-QB4 B-K3
8. P-QB3 should be played to support the QP and allow the KB to stay on the diagonal QKt-K17, which is the basis of Black's attack. White does not avail himself of 9. P-R5 which would upset Black's game.
9. R-K1 P-KB4 10. Q-K13
A clever tactical move.
10. P-B4 11. QxKtP
The most fatal move in chess—except here the QKt is not developed. White plays careful chess, while Black swings wildly throughout the game.
11. QxR PxB 15. Kt-R3 B-Q4
12. QxP Kt-Q1 16. B-B4 P-Q7
13. QxP Kt-QB3 17. KR-Q1 BxB
14. Q-R4 Kt-K15 18. QxKt P-K14
An attempt to dialogue White's Kt; it succeeds but the exchanges take the sting out of the attack.
19. Kt-B4 P-B4
P-K15 is stronger. White's QP is a hindrance to White and a help to Black.
20. PxB P-K15 24. Kt-K1 BxKt
21. QKtP PxBt 25. B-Q3 ch K-K1
22. KtKt Bx ch 26. P-P R-B2
No more chances after the text. If Q-K15 ch then 37. R-Q1.
36. B-B5
There just aren't any good moves for Black.
37. Q-K15 ch K-K2
If 37. R-B1; 38. Q-K15 ch, K-R1; 39. Q-K17 mate.
38. Q-K15 ch K-R1 42. K-B2 B-B2
39. R-Q8 ch R-B1 43. R-K1 ch B-K3
40. RxB ch QxR 44. P-B4 Q-B2
41. Q-K5 ch Kt-K1
To stop RxB, leaving White a won ending.

After 26. R-B2



- Ang. Sandrin
Stops Black's attack by trying down the R.
27. R-Q7 Kt-K1 32. K-Q1 O-K15 ch
28. R-Q7 Q-K4 ch 33. K-Q2 O-B7 ch
29. K-B1 B-R3 ch 34. K-Q1 O-K15 ch
30. K-K1 Q-K15 ch 35. K-B2 QxP ch
31. K-Q2 QxP ch 36. K-K1
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- Denker
23. Q-Q2
Preparing for the B move. But how would Black play in answer to 23. P-KR4? Frankly we don't dare to venture an opinion. We do know that in such a case it would take
Solutions:—
End Game Positions 11 and 12
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No. 11 by E. Rusevski:—1. P-K7 R-R8! (if 1. P-K12; 2. P-K8(Kt) ch, KxP; 3. KtP draws); 2. K-B7 (if 2. P-K7(Q) ch; K-K12; 3. QxR ch, KxQ; 4. K-B7, P-Q4; 5. K-Q6, P-Q5; 6. K-K3, P-Q6; 7. K-B6, K-K8 and Black wins); K-K12!; 8. KtP, KxP; 4. K-Q7, K-R5; 5. P-R15, R-Q8; 6. P-R14, K-P; 7. P-K12; 8. P-R15, R-Q8. Dual variation:—1. P-K7! R-R8! 2. P-K8(Kt), P-Q4; 3. P-K7 (if 3. Kt-B6 ch; K-K12 ch, wins); R-R3; 4. P-K15! R-K3; 5. Kt-B6 ch, RxKt!; 6. P-R, P-Q5; 7. K-B7, P-Q6; 8. K-Q7, K-B2!; 9. P-K8, KxQ; 10. K-R7, P-Q7; 11. P-B7 ch, K-R7! 12. P-B8(Q), P-Q8(Q) draws.
No. 12 by O. Groesser:—1. Kt-R7! (1. BxR ch, KxR; 2. PxB ch, KxP; or 2. Kt-R7, KtR and Black wins); R-P; 3. B-K5 ch, KxB; 4. P-P ch, K-B5; 5. RxB ch, KtR; 6. Kt-Q5 ch, PxBt stalemate.

remarkable play to make the sacrifice of the Black Kt pay dividends. Something like this is possible: 23. P-KR4, Q-K15 ch; 24. R-K1, BxP (not 24. P-Q4; 25. PxP; 26. P-K15, P-Q4; 27. Kt-K3, P-B5; 28. B-K3, PxB; 29. B-K2, K-K3; 30. B-R5 ch, K-K12; 31. KtP, R-KR1; 32. Kt-B5 ch, K-K1; 33. P-KK4 and the attack appears to have petered out.
23. PxB
This is the move that gives Black his attack on the K-position.
24. P-KR4, Q-K15 ch. 25. P-Q4
Black tried to drive the White K on the KR file. If he did, he no doubt would have opened the KR file after White had captured the Kt.
25. P-B5
If 25. PxB; 26. Q-Q3 looks very strong.
26. PxKt BxB 28. P-KK3 R-KK1
27. Kt-K4 B-R5
At last getting his open file and the attack is on. It takes great care to avoid pitfalls.
29. K-R B-B4 30. B-K12
That B now comes in very handy at this point.
30. R-K15 31. QxP Q-R-K1
Black now has all but one piece really in action. It will take all of White's ability to keep him out of trouble.
32. KtP P-R7 37. BxQ
This move clears up White's position considerably.
32. BxKtP 33. KtB R-R5 ch, RxB would be much inferior. The attack would peter out.
34. Kt-R3 R(Kt)xKt 35. R-K3
This move kills the attack. Black can win his piece back, but no more.
35. P-R7 37. BxQ
36. QxR QxQ 38. B-B2
Safer here. If this B were left there it might help Black later to gain a tempo. Of course 38. BxQBP, B-Q2 ch.
39. BxB ch. 40. R-Q1
39. KxB R-K5
Here the Kt is in large measure the weakness of Black's position.
40. Kt-R4 42. RxRP
41. R-Q7 K-K3
Perhaps a little hasty. It has been pointed out that 41. P-KR3 should be played first to put the Kt in jeopardy.
42. Kt-B5 43. P-R4 RxB
43. KtP is less valuable than the capture. Black made the Kt would be knocked out of stride while the White RP would move up to R7 and find support from the B, thus relieving the R. Black takes the KP because it has a commanding position.
44. Kt-K4 KxK ch. 45. BxKt
If the Kt isn't captured, it will assume a much more powerful influence after capturing the BP. At any rate Black gets a bargain when he gives it up for the B.
45. RxB 48. K-B3 K-B4
46. R-R6 R-B6 49. P-K16
47. P-K15 RxP ch.
He must not bother taking the QBP. The idea is to keep the White P together and farther away from the enemy K.
49. R-B6 ch. 52. K-Q3 P-R4
50. K-K2 R-QK6 53. R-R7
51. P-R5 R-Kt ch. 54. RxP ch.
Now that his Ps are safe, White goes after the threatening Black RP.
54. K-K3 56. R-KR1 P-R7
55. B-B1 P-R6 57. K-B3 Resigns
If 57. R-R5, then 58. BxP, RxB; 59. P-K17, R-K15; 60. R-QK2 and wins. And if 57. R-R7, then 58. P-K17, R-R6 ch; 59. K-K12 and wins.

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narly large celebration in Moscow and possibly all over the country, the moment one of their men wins . . . and they are almost sure of Botvinnik winning. The last time Botvinnik won an international tournament of great importance, the people of Moscow presented him with a Rolls Royce . . . super car to you . . . What is he going to get this time?

Bad Gastein, Austria: An International Tournament will start here from May 25 to June 20th, 1948. Tartakower, Glombek, Lundin, Grob, Yanofsky have already accepted. Players are expected from the States, Russia, Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Hungary. Bogoljuboff inventor! The news is out that Bogoljuboff has invented a new table game, with Chess board and pieces, and guarantees that in his game no game will last longer than 35 moves!

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BOTVINNIK WORLD CHAMP

DRAWS EUWE TO CLINCH TITLE IN 22nd ROUND OF TOURNEY

*Smyslov Second, Three Points Behind;
Keres, Reshevsky Tied for Third*

By Fred Reinfeld

After clinching the title in the 22nd round, World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik drew with Smyslov, beat Reshevsky and lost in the final round to Paul Keres. This may be taken as a creditable showing, since Botvinnik's heart could hardly have been in his play in these final rounds.

Smyslov, who greatly exceeded this writer's expectations, covered himself with glory by finishing second, a half-point ahead of two such great masters as Keres and Reshevsky. Both of these players disappointed us, but Keres had at least the satisfaction of breaking his jinx against Botvinnik—after six losses and no wins against the mighty Mikhail!

By drawing his game with Dr.

Euwe in the 22nd round, Mikhail Botvinnik made sure of first place in the World Championship Tournament. As play began in this round, the situation was the following: Botvinnik had a score of 12-4, with Reshevsky and Smyslov tied for second at 9-8. Each of these players had three games left to play. If Botvinnik scored only one draw in his remaining three games, he could no longer be overtaken. By drawing his game, Botvinnik augmented his score to 12½-4½, so even if he lost his last games, he could not be surpassed by Reshevsky or Smyslov who could not do better than 12-8.

Critics Are Unfavorable

I do not see how Botvinnik's right to the title can possibly be questioned. He played the best chess; achieved a commanding lead; made a plus score against each contestant; lost only one game; was never seriously threatened.

Yet, curiously enough, there have already appeared some unfavorable comments. According to the tenor of these remarks, the play was disappointing, much below Alekhine's standard, etc.

These comments deserve some attention. In the first place, they are generally made by players who have considerable ability but who have never quite reached the first rank. Such players are naturally enough plagued by the eternal question: "What's he got that I haven't got?" They find it difficult to get themselves in an appreciative frame of mind. The rest of us, who have no axe to grind, have no trouble in admiring the great chess of those who are indisputably our betters.

These critics have made much of the fact that mistakes have been

made by the contestants. I refuse to be astounded: was there ever a tournament without mistakes? I have been greatly amused, however, at some of the bad mistakes in analysis which have been made by the selfsame critics when they annotated the games about which they have so disparaging an attitude!

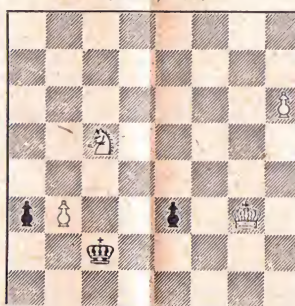
The comparison with Alekhine is hardly fair. Most of us know Alekhine only from two collections of his best games. These games are of course beautiful, but if we study all of Alekhine's games, we are bound to find many blunders and errors of omission and commission.

Then, the point of view is important. The critics of the present tournament do not dwell on the fact that errors are exploited, but merely on the fact that errors are made. But if we adopt the same nagging point of view toward Alekhine's games, we would have to drop our enthusiasm and dwell exclusively on the blunders of the opposition which made Alekhine's beautiful moves possible.

Finally, the critics forget that the level of play has risen considerably in the last three decades. The more evenly that players are matched, the harder it is to win brilliantly, and the more likely it is that victory will be achieved on the basis of one player cracking psychologically, or being tricked in the opening, or making a time pressure mistake, or having to play for a win when the position does not justify it.

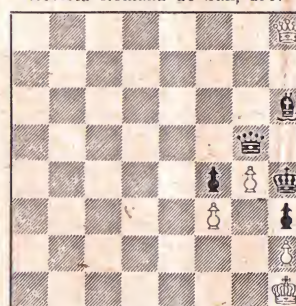
For myself I can say that I have enjoyed the games of this tournament immensely. They were unusually full of fight—many of them real slugging matches—and the number of listless draws was few.

Position No. 17
By G. Bernhardt (Frankenau)
Caissa, 1948



8, 8, 7P, 2S5, 8, p1p2K1, 2K5, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 18
By Martin Gohn (Codlea)
Revista Romana de Sah, 1947



7Q, 8, 7b, 6Q1, 5pP, 5P1p, 7P, 7K
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Position No. 17 from Der Deutsche Schachmeister Caissa is a simple situation with a very tricky solution and the obvious move is not the winning one, as is proper in an endgame.

Position No. 18 is a rather remarkable study in the maneuvering of a Queen with a fine use of mating threats to establish the final winning position.

Solutions will be published in the June 20th issue.

Seven Qualify In Area 7 Tourney, Youth And Experience Well Blended

In a hard fought battle Anthony E. Santasiere topped all his opponents to finish first in the Area 7 U.S. Preliminary Tourney at the Marshall Chess Club with a score of 7-3. Tied at 6½-3½ were the other six qualifiers for the U.S. Championship Tournament, Shainswit, Evans, Heitner, Kramer, Platz and Shipman in a very exciting finish.

Despite the absence of former U. S. Champion Arnold Denker (fulfilling an engagement at Mar del Plata) and one or two local Masters (notably Horowitz and Pinkus who played in the last U. S. Championship in 1946), it was a strong field and the winning septet can be expected to uphold the honor of New York in the Championship Finals.

Santasiere's victory was expected in view of his fourth place position in the last Championship, as was the victory of Larry Evans, the newly crowned Champion of the Marshall Chess Club. Nor were the successes of George Shainswit, George Kramer and Walter Shipman unexpected. The dark horses of the group were Irving Heitner and Dr. Joseph Platz, CHESS LIFE annotator, who in the final rounds passed Donovan and Pilnick to gain places in the finals.

Youth is well represented in Kramer, Evans and Shipman—only the Byrne brothers and Bisgniere are absent among New York's more notable younger players, and these did not enter.

Area Seven Qualifiers

Anthony E. Santasiere	7	3
George Shainswit	6½	3½
Larry Evans	6½	3½
Irving Heitner	6½	3½
George Kramer	6½	3½
Dr. Joseph Platz	6½	3½
Walter Shipman	6½	3½

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

FINAL STANDINGS (TWENTY FIVE ROUNDS)

	Botvinnik	Keres	Reshevsky	Smyslov	Euwe	Total
Botvinnik	11½	11½	11½	11½	11½	14-6
Smyslov	11½	11½	11½	11½	11½	11-9
Keres	11½	11½	11½	11½	11½	10½-9½
Reshevsky	11½	11½	11½	11½	11½	10½-9½
Euwe	11½	11½	11½	11½	11½	4-16

STEINER, ALMGREN WIN IN AREA 6

Herman Steiner and Sven Almgren will represent Area 6 in the U. S. Championship as a result of a combination Swiss and round-robin tournament of twenty-one entrants. In the final round-robin Steiner lost one game—to Almgren. I. Frank and M. Gordon were third; fifth went to E. L. Rubin and H. Gordon; seventh to A. Weiss; and eighth to R. Martin.

Swiss Prelim.	Results
Almgren	2-2
H. Gordon	2-2
Frank	1½-2½
M. Gordon	1½-2½
Rubin	1½-2½
Steiner	1½-2½
Martin	1-3
Weiss	1-3
Croy	0-4
Newport	0-4
Garrett	0-4

WOMEN'S TOURNEY FOR U. S. TITLE

The U. S. Women's Chess Championship Tournament will be held at South Fallsburg, N.Y. from August 24 to August 31, according to the announcement of Mrs. Caroline D. Marshall, Director. Eight entries will be accepted, and room and board will be provided for these free of charge.

Miss N. May Karf, defending champion, will be seeded. Others will be selected upon the basis of qualifying tourneys. Qualifying tourney for New York will be held May 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Marshall Chess Club. Players in other sections of the country may write Mrs. Caroline D. Marshall, % Marshall Chess Club, 23 West 10th St., New York 11, N.Y. in regard to entering a local qualifying tourney.

HELMAN CAPTURES VANCOUVER TITLE

The Championship of British Columbia went to A. Helman in the tournament held at Vancouver with C. F. Millar second and A. Makaren third. Helman was the 1947 champion. G. W. Sanborn of Trail won the minor tournament.

Puerto Rico Plans Armed Invasion, Strong Forces To Raid Baltimore

War has been declared by the Chess Federation of Puerto Rico and a strong force is gathering for the planned invasion of Baltimore on July 5th when five of Puerto Rico's best chess players will challenge all comers at the U. S. Open Tournament at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Leading the invasion will be Puerto Rican Champion Miguel Colon, ably backed by former champion Rafael Cintron, younger brother Arturo Colon, Francisco Benitez and USCF Director for Puerto Rico Hector Vissepo.

This redoubtable quintet are veterans of double radio match with Chicago and most of them have already made their mark in American chess events at the International Tournament at Yankton or the U. S. Open Tournament at Corpus Christi. Other players from Puerto Rico are expected to enter, but these five bear the official challenge of the Puerto Rico Chess Federation and represent the strongest team that could be selected from the island.

NOTICE

CLUB SECRETARIES

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICAN CHESS?

Affirmatively, it could be asked: "What's Right With American Chess?" and it would take a page to summarize the many encouraging answers to this rhetorical question. But we must not let the bright aspects of the scene blind us to the weaknesses that remain so far ignored.

There was a time (and not so long ago) when American chess prestige soared to the heights. We can remember the triumphs of Frank Marshall, the victories of the American Teams in the Hamilton Cup Tournaments and the individual triumphs abroad of Fine, Kashdan and Reshevsky without straining our memories. (I need not mention the earlier days of Pillsbury and Morphy.)

But it is a glory that is passing. American teams have twice taken startling defeats at the hands of players from the Soviet Union; the New York Stock Exchange bows to Amsterdam; Manhattan Chess Club yields to the Jockey Club of Argentina. And the last wire reports assure us that the World Championship is only too safely confided into Russian hands.

Has the day come when the United States must bow to the inevitable victory of other lands, or is this but a passing phase?

Many reasons have been offered for the decline of American chess.

The answer is really a simple one: the Amateur cannot in any sport readily hold his own with the Professional, for the sole reason that his lack of practice by comparison is a hopeless handicap. And our master players have in recent years returned to the amateur rank in the sense that they are occupied with other affairs than chess which has become under economic necessity an avocation rather than a vocation.

It is no disparagement of Kashdan, Fine or Reshevsky, for example, to say that the pressing matter of earning a living has become more important than chess to them, and that the lack of practice and study is becoming an increasing handicap in international encounters against those players who continue to make chess their profession.

The Fine, Reshevsky and Kashdan of the days of international triumph were unmarried, young and free from responsibility—they could devote their energy to the ill-paid profession of chess. Increasing years and domestic responsibilities have changed conditions; and we cannot selfishly say that they should have remained celibates just to uphold American chess.

Since it is not likely that chess will become overnight a better paid profession, what is the solution? There is only one logical answer; and that is the encouragement of our younger chess players so that they may develop into carefree young masters to reestablish American chess prestige. We must cease to cast longing glances back at the past, and instead set our eyes steadfastly upon the future. We must place our faith on the Evans, Friedmans, Byrnes, Bisguieres, Sandrins, Kramers, Shipmans and many another unnamed player of the future, trusting that from their ranks will soon arise the Marshall, Fine, Kashdan and Reshevsky of the next decade.

For that sole reason the basic conception of an Open Qualification to the U. S. Championship is fully justified (aside from many other considerations), for in no other way may we encourage and find our master players for the next decade of American chess supremacy.

Montgomery Major

USCF APPOINTS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee which will handle all arrangements for the Biennial U. S. Championship Tournament at South Fallsburg, N. Y., August 10-31 has appointed with Richard W. Wayne of Ventnor City, N. J. as chairman. The committee is as follows:

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The pin is mightier than the sword—Reinfeld

(From "Winning Chess")

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Is The Kibitzer Beserk Or Prejudiced?

The "Kibitzer" referred to in the heading is W. M. Spackman, Acting Editor, The Chess Correspondent. In the issue of CHESS LIFE, April 20 he wrote an article criticising and misunderstanding a statement of mine that appeared in Problems of Chess Life, issue of March 5.

My statement was: "The problem department of the Chess Correspondent has just been discontinued to the great disgust and dissatisfaction of problem lovers everywhere." That statement was and is true! Mr. Spackman in his article singled me out as the party who was disgusted and dissatisfied. That however was an untruth although by inference it probably could have included me, for I am a Problem Lover, just as much, as I glean from Mr. Spackman's unreasonable and unjust criticism, he is Problem Hater.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

I did not raise a question as to why the problem section of The Chess Correspondent had been discontinued, nor did I question the reason for such action. I felt that the management of the C.C. was doing what they considered best for the interests of the C.C.

In my comment I had not intended, nor do I now intend, to tell others how I would run their business.

Everyone has his selfish likes and dislikes. That is all very good in its way, but it is not so good when the majority (because they are in the majority) endeavor to compel others to like the same things they like and do the things they do. I think that is wrong!

Despite the fact that there may be fewer lovers of problems than there are devotees of the game of chess, is one to assume that problems are not just as much a part of chess as the actual playing of the game across the board or by correspondence?

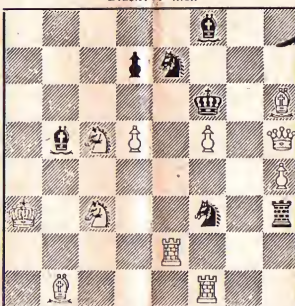
Some people like olives, some like onions, some overindulgence in alcoholic drinks, some like coffee, some like to go to church, some like to gamble, some like to play chess, some like fairy chess and some (should I say—a few) like chess problems.

More people like "jazz" music than the few who love the "classical." What of it? It doesn't prevent the elite from enjoying the classical and detesting the jazz and vice versa. I prefer the classical—so Mr. Spackman must like "jazz."

Since The Chess Correspondent primarily aims to cater to correspondence chess addicts, with no regard for other branches of the game, it is small wonder that Mr. Spackman's figures pertaining to the protests of problemists would be relatively small as compared to the group of followers of correspondence chess, who naturally in a magazine devoted to a special branch of the game would greatly outnumber the problem devotees, belittled and given no consideration by the magazine or its management.

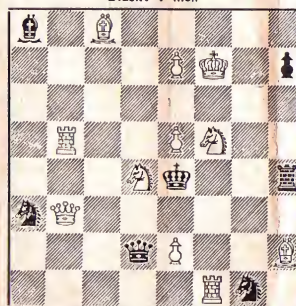
Taking it for granted that this is still a free country, I shall continue to be a Problem Lover and the Kibitzer may continue to be a Problem Hater and remain what he is—a Kibitzer! In one of my articles in CHESS LIFE I mentioned the fate that is in store for Kibitzers. Let the Kibitzer beware! That's all, folks, there ain't no more!

Problem No. 27
By M. Barulin (Russia)
Black: 7 men



White: 11 men
5h2, 3p3, 5k1R, 1hSP1PQ, 7P,
5h2, 3p3, 5k1R, 1hSP1PQ, 7P,
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 28
By V. Protopopov and
L. Faivuzhinsky (Russia)
Black: 7 men



White: 11 men
s1S, 4PK1p, 8, 1R2P82, 3k2r, sQ6, 3p2B,
5R1
White mates in two moves

The above problems are clever examples of the skill and ideas of three famous composers of The Soviet Union. Problem No. 27 by M. Barulin illustrates the so-called Barulin Theme but the theme had been shown by Guidelli in 1917 and by Mansfield in 1926. However Barulin drew attention to the alternation of the mates and the general dual avoidance theory.

The general concept of dual avoidance implies two or more variations with Black defenses of similar character, which in each variation seems to allow two mates, also of the same nature but one of the two mates is suppressed in an artistic manner. The method of suppressing the dual must once again be the same in each variation. The final aim is for a parallelism of play at every point.

Problem No. 28, a joint composition by two young Moscow composers, shows not the Barulin Theme but the Barulin Defense. The problem has two initial threats and there are two pair of defenses. Each of these four Black moves defeat the two initial threats. All four of these are recognized as Barulin Defenses. They are defensive cuttings of White's lines.

(Solutions not received in time to publish)

CHESS LIFE TASK COMPOSING COMPETITION

Two entries only from a composer. Contest closes June 10. Entries to be mailed to Problem Editor, Chess Life, 123 East 7th Street, Newport, Ky. For task conditions refer to issues of CHESS LIFE, February 5, 20 or March 5.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

QUALITY TELLS AGAIN! Tony Santasiere, obvious favorite to lead in the NY Area Preliminaries, came through in proper style to score 7-3 and head the field. His total was made up of 4 wins and 6 draws, which fact bears testimony to the strength of the opposition.

Six players tied at 6½-3½ to complete the list of qualifiers from this area. The most impressive performance was turned in by 18-year-old George Kramer of Queens College, star of the 1946 Nationals, who won six games and rose to the finals despite 2 losses in the early rounds and a heart-breaker against Santasiere. George Shainswit and Larry Evans qualified the easy way, with seven draws apiece. Shainswit has long been known for his drawing habits, this event saw him embellishing that reputation. One of the shortest games of any national event was the 11-move draw between the cautious Weinstock and Shainswit, where an early blocked position allowed a draw by repetition—or was it agreement?

This was still a youngster's tournament, and Walter Shipman and Irving Heitner, both of the new generation of chessmasters, came through with 5 wins and three draws apiece. Dr. Joseph Platz, Chess Life annotator and Bronx County champion, completed the qualifying list, while Sol Weinstock and Sidney Bernstein are the also-rans who may yet play in the Nationals. Average age of the qualifiers is well under 30 years!

Thus, 5 of the 7 players picked in the last column came through. The others, Donovan and Pilnick, seemed to be dogged by bad luck throughout the second half of the tourney. WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO PREDICT THE NEXT U. S. CHAMPION?

The Kibitzer From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Gentlemen:

If you are interested to promote chess in the U.S.A. And I believe you do. Now is the time (a little late) when the World's Championship tournament is in progress.

Namely, to invite the Radio stations and prove to them that America has hundreds of thousands of chess players who are entitled to hear chess news the same way as all other sport news.

With the help of all chess clubs and individuals they would see that it pays. Even the Movie industry should be contacted.

B. KLEIN
Atlantic Beach, Fla.

CHICAGO TITLE TO SCHURZ HIGH

A five man team from Schurz High defeated the Tilden Tech. High team in the final match to win the Chicago Public High School Championship by a score of 7-3. In the Individual Championship Tournament Harry Goodman of Schurz High won the Chicago Public High School title by defeating David Levadi of South Shore in the final round, while Bill Simmons defeated Karl Brannoff to gain third place. The tournament was conducted on a knock-out basis.

Nocturnal:

She: Well, what excuse have you for coming home at this hour?

He: Well, my dear, I was out playing golf with some friends and She: What? At 2 a. m.?

He: Sure. We were using night clubs.

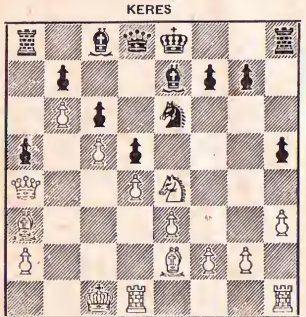
Reshevsky started this game beautifully. If Black plays 17... P-Kt1; 18. P-Q5! gives a winning attack. But soon Reshevsky becomes hesitant: he prepares, prepares and... prepares some more. His 29. P-B4? results in his being left with the "bad" Bishop, when his extra Pawn does not even count. The final penetration is well handled by Keres.

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 13

White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	P. KERES
1. P-Q4	10. B-R3
2. P-QB4	11. Kt-Q2
3. Kt-KB3	12. Kt-K2
4. Kt-B3	13. P-K16
5. P-K3	14. P-R3
6. P-B5	15. O-O
7. P-QK4	16. P-QP
8. P-K15	17. Kt-Kt
9. Q-R4	Q-B2

After 17 Kt-Kt



White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	P. KERES
17. Kt-Q2	18. Kt-Q2
18. Kt-Q2	19. Kt-Q2
19. Kt-Q2	20. Kt-Q2
20. Kt-Q2	21. Kt-Q2
21. Kt-Q2	22. Kt-Q2
22. Kt-Q2	23. Kt-Q2
23. Kt-Q2	24. Kt-Q2
24. Kt-Q2	25. Kt-Q2
25. Kt-Q2	26. Kt-Q2
26. Kt-Q2	27. Kt-Q2
27. Kt-Q2	28. Kt-Q2
28. Kt-Q2	29. Kt-Q2
29. Kt-Q2	30. Kt-Q2
30. Kt-Q2	31. Kt-Q2
31. Kt-Q2	32. Kt-Q2
32. Kt-Q2	33. Kt-Q2
33. Kt-Q2	34. Kt-Q2
34. Kt-Q2	35. Kt-Q2
35. Kt-Q2	36. Kt-Q2
36. Kt-Q2	37. Kt-Q2
37. Kt-Q2	38. Kt-Q2
38. Kt-Q2	39. Kt-Q2
39. Kt-Q2	40. Kt-Q2

Reshevsky's treatment of the Reti Opening was experimental but not particularly good. Euwe equalized easily. The little skirmish which centers around 15... BxQP is interesting.

RETI OPENING

World Championship, Round 15

White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	DR. EUWE
1. P-QB4	15. BxP
2. Kt-KB3	16. BxR
3. P-Kt3	17. Q-B8
4. P-K3	18. Q-K2
5. P-Kt3	19. B-K12
6. B-K12	20. BxR
7. Q-Kt3	21. Q-Q3
8. P-Q3	22. Q-R1
9. Kt-Kt	23. QxP
10. Kt-Q2	24. K-K2
11. Kt-B3	25. P-QR3
12. Kt-K4	26. BxQ
13. Kt-K1	27. Drawn
14. P-QK4	B-B4

Keres missed many a drawing chance against Botvinnik, who owed his victory to superhuman perseverance.

FRENCH DEFENSE

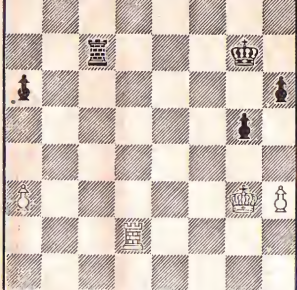
World Championship, Round 15

White	Black
P. KERES	M. BOTVINNIK
1. P-Q4	25. Kt-K5
2. P-K4	26. P-Q1
3. Kt-Q2	27. R-QP
4. P-QP	28. R-QP
5. Kt-K3	29. R-Q4
6. P-K3	30. Kt-Q7
7. Kt-K3	31. R-B3
8. B-Kt5	32. Q-B2
9. Kt-K4	33. R-Q4
10. K-Q2	34. Q-B4
11. O-O	35. R-Q2
12. B-K3	36. Kt-R3
13. Kt-Kt	37. K-R2
14. P-B	38. Kt-Q1
15. B-Q3	39. Q-K18
16. Q-K1	40. R-Q8
17. R-Q4	41. R-Q4
18. R-B4	42. R-Q1
19. Q-K13	43. P-K14
20. Q-R9	44. R-Q7
21. Kt-Q4	45. P-B
22. P-Kt	46. P-R3
23. Kt-B3	47. K-K13
24. R-KR4	48. R-R

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After 8..... R-B2

BOTVINNIK



White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	P. KERES
49. R-Q4	62. K-Kt3
50. P-QR4	63. R-R1
51. P-R4	64. R-QK1
52. PxP	65. R-KB1
53. R-Q3	66. R-K1 ch
54. R-R3	67. K-R2
55. Kt-R3	68. R-Kt1
56. Kt-K13	69. R-P
57. R-R1	70. K-K12
58. R-R3	71. K-B3
59. R-R3	72. R-QR5
60. K-K3	K-B4
61. K-B3	K-K4

Reshevsky and Smyslov played very interesting chess, with a well-earned draw as the result. A very well contested game.

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 16

White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	V. SMYSLOV
1. P-Q4	22. B-B2
2. P-QB4	23. R-R3
3. Kt-KB3	24. R-R
4. Kt-B3	25. P-B4
5. P-QR4	26. R-K13
6. P-K3	27. R-K15
7. BxP	28. R-P
8. O-O	29. R-K1
9. Q-K2	30. QxQ
10. P-R3	31. B-Q2
11. QxR	32. K-B1
12. R-Q1	33. K-K2
13. P-Q5	34. K-Q1
14. P-R3	35. R-R
15. Q-B5	36. KxR
16. P-K1	37. K-K2
17. B-K13	38. K-B3
18. Q-K15	39. P-K4
19. P-B4	40. KxP
20. P-P	41. P-P
21. Q-K12	42. Drawn

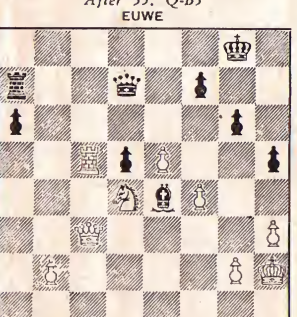
Keres tried a new move against Euwe's 5... KtP in the Lopez. The upshot of the complications was that Euwe was left with a blocked isolated Pawn. Keres maneuvered very skillfully to win. Euwe's blunder at move 33 hastened the end, but he was unquestionably lost in any event.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 16

White	Black
P. KERES	DR. EUWE
1. P-K4	18. P-Kt1
2. Kt-KB3	19. R-B1
3. B-K15	20. R-BP
4. B-R4	21. QxR
5. O-O	22. Kt-Q4
6. P-Q4	23. P-R3
7. B-K13	24. K-R2
8. PxP	25. P-B4
9. Q-K2	26. Q-Q3
10. R-Q1	27. Q-K16
11. P-B4	28. R-F3
12. BxP	29. Q-K15
13. B-K3	30. R-Q4
14. QxR	31. R-QB3
15. Kt-K3	32. R-B5
16. Q-K12	33. Q-B3
17. R-Kt	Kt-B

After 33. Q-B3



Both Euwe and Botvinnik were well satisfied with a draw—the first because he was last, the latter because he was first.

FRENCH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 17

White	Black
DR. EUWE	M. BOTVINNIK
1. P-Q4	9. Kt-K13
2. P-Q4	10. Kt-Q
3. Kt-Q2	11. R-PK1
4. Kt-P	12. B-Q2
5. B-K15	13. B-B3
6. Q-K2	14. O-O
7. BxR	15. BxP
8. PxP	16. R-B5

Dear Mr. Major:

As my car literally emerged from a cloud 1200 feet above sea level I looked down upon the little village of South Fallsburg, New York, where the 1948 United States Chess Championship Tournament will be held this year. This is a charming little resort town nestled among the mountains made famous by the Rip Van Winkle saga. The first time I visited the little town it was a mass of ice and snow and my visit was confined completely to the business at hand. This time, however, with the sun shining and the mountain laurel profuse the town looked really like a Washington Irving scene. If the Chess Masters of America cannot put forth their best efforts in surroundings such as this they should take up Tiddly-Winks.

In addition to the comfort of the playing conditions the Masters will have the additional advantage of freedom from financial or residential worries. The contestants will, every one, be provided with transportation to and from their homes and the Tournament site; they will be housed and fed, without charge, in these very first-class hotels, situated up in the hills surrounding the little town, which are complete with every device known to the management for the enjoyment of their guests, such as swimming pools, hand-ball courts, tennis courts and in some cases even their own golf links.

Each hotel also maintains its own "Playhouse" where every night first-class entertainment is available, without charge, with leading radio, stage and screen stars doing their stuff. The South Fallsburg committee have arranged that all this entertainment, as well as any other entertainment going on in the town will be available—again without charge—to every contestant. When I suggested to the President of the Chamber of Commerce that the hotels situated a long way from the Community Center (where the Tournament will actually be played) and that this distance would make it difficult for the players to get back and forth from their hotels to the Tournament Room, I was blandly informed that every player will have an automobile and chauffeur at his disposal for this purpose; all that will be necessary will be to phone the desk and tell them that transportation is needed!

So you see, my dear Major, that we have every prospect of having one of the most enjoyable tournaments ever held in this country. I am already convinced from my contacts with the foresight in courtesy of the South Fallsburg group that they will leave absolutely no stone unturned to assure the comfort and happiness and success of the 1948 Tournament.

With kindest personal wishes,

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD W. WAYNE.

Chairman, 1948 Chess Championship Tournament Committee

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

BOTVINNIK, THE INVINCIBLE by Fred Reinfeld; McKay (\$2.00)

Now that it's official and Botvinnik is World's Champion, it might not be a bad idea to look over his games in a collection that shows just why he is champion. The book in which to do it is Fred Reinfeld's "Botvinnik, the Invincible," first of the "Wizards of the Chessboard" series published by McKay, Philadelphia.

So far it is the first full book devoted to the Russian star in English, although several nice bits of information can be gleaned from "Meet the Masters" by Euwe (McKay) and collections of almost anyone else's games. The Reinfeld book is closely annotated in Fred's penetrating style, going over 62 scores in all, including the now super analyzed radio variation of the Denker 25-mover.

A very good history of the young engineer-chess leader off the book and a complete tournament record is fine stuff for those who like to quote figures to fellow club members. The work on the 36-year old master starts off with his first introduction to high grade master play in a Russian match with Sweden in 1926, when he was 15. From there the book goes fully over the highlights of the Russian's career: including such notable games as two of the Flohr match contests, five from Nottingham '36, the '41 absolute championship, and the final game with Smyslov '44, often called one of the greatest games played, despite a fault or two.

The book includes no less than seven of Botvinnik's French Defenses and a whole host of CGD and Nimzoindians for which he is noted. Most of the games are limited to other Soviet masters and so gives a good index of Russian chess as played today, a most fascinating subject you must admit.

17. R-P	R-Q1	24. R-R4	R-R4
18. R-R4	R-K13	25. P-R4	R-K4 ch
19. K-Q2	K-K2	26. K-B3	R-B4 ch
20. B-K3	K-K2	27. K-K3	R-K4 ch
21. BxR	R-B4	28. K-B3	R-B4 ch
22. K-K3	R-B4	29. K-K3	Drawn
23. R-R1	P-QR4		

ROUND NINETEEN

Reshevsky 0, Botvinnik 1; French Defense, 47 moves. Smyslov 1; Euwe 0; Ruy Lopez, 26 moves. Keres, bye.

ROUND TWENTY

Botvinnik 1, Keres 0; Queen's Pawn, 59 moves. Euwe 0, Reshevsky 1; Nimzoindian, 42 moves. Smyslov, bye.

Say you saw it in CHESS LIFE

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 17

White	Black
V. SMYSLOV	P. KERES
1. P-Q4	22. R-K17
2. P-QB4	23. P-KR3
3. Kt-KB3	24. R-K11
4. B-K15	25. R-R
5. P-K3	26. R-K15
6. P-P	27. Kt-P
7. B-Q3	28. Kt-Q13
8. Kt-B3	29. QxR
9. Q-B2	30. P-K14
10. Q-K13	31. Kt-Q4
11. Q-K11	32. Kt-B3
12. P-QK4	33. Kt-B3
13. P-K15	34. R-Q5
14. P-K13	35. R-R
15. Q-K13	36. R-R
16. BxK1	37. B-B5
17. B-K15	38. R-R7
18. R-B1	39. R-Q7
19. Kt-K2	40. R-QP
20. BxR	41. P-KR4
21. Q-R4	Kt-B1

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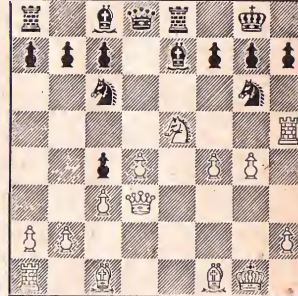
Thursday, May 20, 1948

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

What is the best move?

Position No. 3



Send solutions on No. 3 up to June 5th to the Editor of CHESS LIFE. (Solution to No. 2 will appear in next issue. Good advice: Try solving from diagram... trains the eye.)

Solutions to Position No. 1: R. Teichman played it in a simultaneous exhibition. He continued with 1. P-B6; 2. R(4)-K8, R-K5 ch!; 3. RxR, PxR; 4. R(4)-K8, R-K2 ch!; (Not many gave this second R sacrifice) 5. RxR, P-K8 (Q); 6. R(7)-K8. (The game ended in a draw through an oversight of the Master. It was easily won however by 6..... QxP ch; 7. K-K1, Q-KB7 ch; 8. K-Q1, Q-B6 ch; 9. K-Q2, Q-B5 ch; 10. K-B2, Q-R5ch; 11. K-Q2, Q-Q2 ch and wins as P-KK4 is now possible.)

Correct solutions were sent in by Pack Spence (Omaha); George Dunn (Philadelphia); F. H. Stoppel, Jr. (Cicero, Ill.); Sven Brask (Attleboro, Mass.); Frank Neal (San Francisco); and Vincent G. Sprague (Cleveland). Correct initial move without complete analysis of the winning line were submitted by: P. Palazzo (Lorain, O.); M. F. Anderson (Rapid City, S. Dak.); G. N. Coker, Jr. (Atlanta); Malcolm D Brown (Wycomb, Pa.); Joseph A. Becker (Mankato, Minn.); and Robert Lucas (Portland, Ore.). Congratulations!



A chess player takes his bath

Lustiger Blatter, Germany

R. G. Wade has just won the New Zealand Championship. He scored 9 wins and two draws; his closest rivals, T. Lepvilkman (previous champion) and H. McNabb, were 2½ points behind. Wade intends to tour the States this coming Fall.

Game played in the Czechoslovakian Championship. White: Ludek Pachman; Black: Potucek; Gruenfeld Defense. 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-KKt3; 3. Kt-QB3, P-Q4; 4. Kt-B3, B-Kt2; 5. Q-Kt3, PxP; (Also played here is 5... P-B3; 6. PxP, P-P; 7. B-Kt5, Kt-B3!) 6. QxRP, O-O; 7. P-K4, P-B3; (Some of the Russian writers recommend (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4))

RUY LOPEZ

U.S. Championship, Preliminaries
Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by G. E. Page

White Black
G. KRAMER J. SOUDAKOFF
1. P-K4 P-K4 6. R-K1 P-QK4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 7. B-K3 Q-O
3. B-K5 P-QR3 8. P-Q4 P-P
4. B-R4 Kt-B3 9. P-K5 Kt-K1
5. O-O B-K2 10. B-Q5
The customary line in this Morphy Defense variation is: 10. Kt-P3, Kt-Kt1; 11. Q-Kt1, B-K2; 12. P-QR3, P-Q5.
10. R-K1 13. Kt-B3 P-P
11. Kt-P3 Kt-Kt1 14. Q-P B-Q3?
12. Q-Kt P-Q3
Instead, 14..... B-B3 completely refutes White's attack and threatens to win a piece, for if 15. Q-K4 (necessary), B-Kt1; 16. P-B3, Kt-B3 and the B is lost.
15. B-Kt5! Q-Q2 16. Q-K4 Q-B4

After 16..... Q-B4



SOUDAKOFF
This move is a sure loser. Better would have been 16..... P-Kt5 catching the White Kt with no good place to go and 17..... Kt-KB3 on the following move.
17. QxKt Q-B(K5) 19. Kt-K4 Q-Kt5
The two Bs and a R offered by this move in exchange for the White Q is a bad bargain. Though a P down it might have been better for Black to simplify with 19..... R-K2; 20. Kt-B3 R-K2.
21. Kt-B3 B-K2 22. Kt-B3 Q-Q2
A much needed piece might have been recaptured here by the simple combination: 22..... Q-R4; 23. B-K6, Q-KtPch; 24. K-R1, Q-Kt5! 25. B-Q5? P-B3.
23. B-K6 Q-B3 30. Kt-B5 P-QR4
24. Q-Kt5 Q-BP 31. Q-R1 O-B6
25. P-QK4 QxP ch 32. Kt-K6 R-B7
26. K-R1 P-B4 33. B-B6 R-Q7
27. P-QR3 P-B5 34. P-P Q-K4
28. Kt-Kt1 P-R3 35. Kt-Q8! K-R2
29. B-Q7 Q-Q7 36. P-R6 P-B6
A pretty move—but of doubtful value.
34..... QxP (B5) was necessary.
35. Best move under the circumstances, for if 36..... R-Kt1; 37. P-R7.
37. R-QB1 Q-QB4 39. Kt-B6 QxRP
38. B-K4 ch P-K3 40. P-R7 P-Kt5
Perhaps 40..... R-K7 would have given Black better drawing possibilities, for if 41. B moves, R-Kt5 ch; 42. R-Kt1, P-B7! 43. R-K7 ch, K-R1.
41. Kt-R5 R-Q1 48. B-K4 Q-Q7
42. R-R1 Q-K7 49. BxP P-R4
43. P-R8(Q) R-K7 50. Q-R1 K-R3
44. BxR P-B7 51. Kt-Q1 Q-K6
45. Kt-B4 Q-Q5 52. B-Kt1 P-R5
46. Kt-K3 P-Kt6 53. R-B6 P-R6
47. Kt-P3 P-Kt1 54. RxP ch Resigns

SLAV DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 5
The Hague, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
S. RESHEVSKY DR. M. EUWE
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. Kt-B3 P-B3
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. P-K3 QKt-Q2
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 6. B-Q3 B-K5
Euwe has been trying to give this move but without too much success. The usual Meran line 6..... P-P3, P-Q4, etc. is an alternative which leads to highly complex critical variations where the analysts have been unable to give a definite opinion on the result.
7. P-Q3 B-R4 9. B-Q2 P-P
8. B-Q2 Q-K2 10. BxP P-K4
A rough rule has been stated for this type of opening that if Black can play P-Q4 or P-R4 without being immediately punished then he has achieved equality. In this case it is evident that the rule is not quite correct, for White is considerably better developed and he has better control in the center.
11. O-O O-O 12. P-Q5!
This is far better than the routine 12. P-QK4 which would drive the Black B to a better square, if on 12..... P-P3, Kt-P3, R-Kt1; 14. BxP winning the minor exchange.
12..... P-B4 13. P-Q6!
EUWE



RESHEVSKY
A courageous move but apparently quite sound. If Black captures now 13..... QxP; 14. Kt-QKt5, 15. P-QK4 winning a piece.

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CHESS LIFE ABROAD

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5)

here 7..... P-Kt3, which somehow does not look too healthy after 8. B-KB4.) 8. B-K2, QKt-Q2; 9. O-O, Kt-Kt3; 10. Q-Q3, B-K3; 11. R-Q1, B-B5; 12. Q-B2, BxR; 13. QxB, Q-B1; 14. B-B4, Q-Kt5; 15. B-K5 (Better than 15. B-Kt3, Kt-KR4, etc.), Kt-K2; 16. BxB, KxB; 17. P-Q5, Kt-B3; 18. PxP, P-P; 19. P-KR3, Q-R4; 20. R-Q4 (Threatens 21. P-K5 followed by R-KR4), Q-R4; 21. P-QR3, P-QB4; 22. P-K5!; Kt-Kt1; (The only move, if 22..... PxR; 23. P-QK4 wins the Q.) 23. R-KB4, Q-R1; 24. Kt-Kt5, Kt-Q4? (Loses immediately. Kt-R3 was necessary, although Black still retains a bad position.); 25. Kt-Kt1, R-Kt1; 26. Q-B3, R-KP; 27. R-P ch R-R; 28. QxR ch, K-R3; 29. Q-B8 ch and Black resigned.

MARCHAND, ROZSA
WILLIAMS IN 10th
GRAND NAT'L

A double round-robin of games has begun among Erich W. Marchand, Rochester, N.Y., CHESS LIFE Games Editor and President of the CCLA, Dr. Bela Rozsa, Oklahoma University professor from Tulsa and the Oklahoma State Champion, and M. M. Williams, a Houston, Texas, attorney, to decide the 10th U.S. Correspondence Chess Championship, in the fourth and final round of play.
In the last of these annual national championships to go four rounds, Dr. Bela Rozsa won his 3rd round section with a 5-1 score, while M. M. Williams and Erich Marchand tied in the other semifinal section with scores of 5½-1½, drawing their individual encounter.
These USCF-endorsed Grand Nationals are conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America of 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa.

STEINMEYER WINS
ST. LOUIS TITLE

Once again Robert Steinmeyer captured the St. Louis District Championship; his previous victories were 1944, 1945 and 1947 (He was in the Army in 1946). Second place went to F. S. Anderson. In winning by a perfect score, Steinmeyer was the second man to achieve this distinction since the first tournament in 1926. Erich Marchand, CHESS LIFE Games Editor, now of Rochester, N.Y., accomplished this feat in 1941.

St. Louis District Championship

Steinmeyer	10	0
Anderson	7	3
Rosen	6½	3½
Gilbert	6	4
Cook	5½	5
Pohle	4½	5½
Burton	4½	5½
Roesch	4	6
Haller	4	6
Barber	4	6
Horn	4	6
Harmon	4	6
Thorn	4	6

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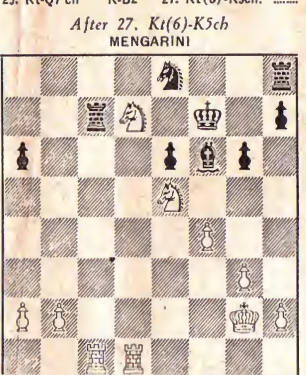
And Black will not be given time to capture the P, later.
13..... Q-Q1 15. Kt-Q5 Kt-Kt1
14. Q-R1 R-Kt1 16. BxR QxB
Of course not 16..... R-Kt1; 17. BxQ, QxQ; 18. B-K7, R-Kt1; 19. Kt-Kt5 and Black is helpless.
17. R-Kt1 P-K5 19. B-R2 Q-Kt3
18. Kt-Kt5 P-Kt4
It is hard to find a satisfactory move for Black. If 19..... B-Kt2; 20. R-B5, P-B3; 21. BxP. White simply controls too many squares.
20. Kt-KP4 B-Kt2 26. P-K4 R-K3
21. P-R2 P-B5 27. B-K3 R-Q1
22. B-Kt1 P-B3 28. R-K1 P-QR4
23. Q-B3 Q-R1 29. P-KR4 P-R4
24. Kt-B6 ch Kt-Kt1 30. P-Q7 R-K2
25. QxKt Q-B3 31. P-KKt4!
White cannot win by and so he has P advantage disappear. He seizes his chance to give up the P for a winning endgame.
31..... K-RP3 35. Q-Kt5 ch Q-Kt3
32. PxP R-R3 36. Q-K5 ch PxQ
33. RxR R-R3 37. P-B4
34. QxR PxP
This is it. The ending is easily won by White.
37..... P-Kt5 40. P-Kt3 K-B2
38. PxP P-K5 41. K-K3 Resigns
39. K-B2 P-B5
For the K will eat the Q-side P's. Black never recovered from an unsatisfactory opening thanks to Reshevsky's forceful and accurate play.

CATALAN SYSTEM

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Marshall Chess Club, New York, 1947

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White Black
G. SHAINSWIT DR. A. MENGARINI
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-KB3 P-Q4
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. P-Kt3 P-P
The Catalan is one of those modern opening systems in which an almost imperceptible mis-step may lead to positional disaster. Shainswit is a past master of the finesse in which this opening abounds.
5. Q-R4 Q-KtQ5 9. Q-Q3 B-Kt2
6. B-Kt2 P-QR3 10. O-O P-B4
7. Kt-B3 B-K2 11. PxP
8. QxP P-QKt4
Else Black might establish a strong Q-side castle with P-KB5. The text leads to simplification, which may lead to an easy draw for Black, or a positional straight-jacket.....depending on how he plays.
11..... KxP 13. B-K3 P-Kt5?
12. Q-Q ch R-Q
Leads to trouble..... Kt-Kt5 was the move, and if then 14. B-Kt1, BxR; 15. P-QR4, P-Kt5 when White's Kt cannot go to Q4.
14. BxR B-B
Of course not 14..... P-Kt1; 15. BxB, P-P; 16. B-Kt1, PxP(Q); 17. BxQ, etc.
15. Kt-QR4 B-Q3
To guard against invasions at his QB2.
16. Q-R1 K-K2?
Here 16..... P-K4 was essential to prevent White's next move. However, 17. Kt-B5 would still leave White with the better game.
17. Kt-Q4! BxB 19. Kt-B6 ch K-B1
18. KxB R-QB1 20. Kt-Q1 Kt-K1
This abrupt retreat is forced; if 20..... B-Kt1, 21. Kt-K6 or 20..... P-B2? 21. Kt-B7.
21. P-K4 P-B3 22. P-B4! R-B2
If 22..... P-Kt1; 23. PxP! PxP (if 23..... BxP?; 24. Kt-B6, R-R2; 25. Kt-Q7 ch); 24. R-B1 ch, K-Kt1; 25. Kt-Kt4! etc.
23. P-K5 B-K2 24. Kt-Kt6
A strong alternative was 24. Kt-B5!
24..... P-K3 26. P-P BxP
25. Kt-Q7 ch K-B2 27. Kt(6)-K5ch!
Mengarini



SHAINSWIT
27..... BxKt
Forced; if 27..... K-K2 (or 27..... K-Kt2); 28. R-Kt1, R-R2; 29. Kt-B6, K-Kt1; 30. R-Q7 winning a piece.
28. Kt-B6 ch K-B1 32. P-K3 Kt-Kt2
29. RxR Kt-B3 33. P-K4 R-Kt1
30. R-Q8 ch Kt-K1 34. R-R7
31. R-Q7 P-QR4
Or 34. R-B7 ch, K-K1; 35. R-R7, K-B1; 36. P-Kt5, etc.
P-R5 35. P-R4 Resigns
The finish might have been 35..... PxP; 36. PxP, R-R1; 37. Kt-B3, Kt-K1; 38. P-R5, P-P; 39. PxP, Kt-Q3; 40. P-R6, Kt-B1; 41. R-B7, Kt-K1 (if 41..... Kt-Q3; 42. R-Q7); 42. R-B6, etc.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

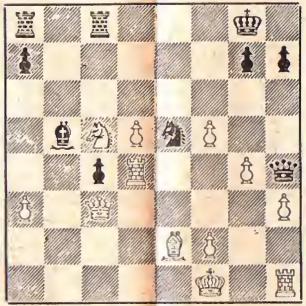
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Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa

White Black
H. HOLENWEG S. BRASK
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-Kt5
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. Q-B2 Kt-B3
The Zurich Variation which lost favor during the last few years in tournament play. P-B4, O-O or BxKt is played now with satisfactory results.
5. Kt-B3 P-Q3 8. BxB R-K1
6. B-Q2 O-O 9. R-Q1 Q-K2
7. P-QR3 BxKt 10. P-K3 P-K4
This is following a line of play by Fine-Reinfeld, Ostrow, 1937.
11. P-Q5 Kt-Kt1
The reason for the loss of favor—Black has a very cramped game.
12. B-K2 QKt-Q2 13. P-QKt4 Kt-Kt5
Trying to find a good square for his QKt. But as long as White has not castled, it is not prudent to provoke a K-side P attack.
14. P-R3 Kt-R3
No future for this Kt. Black's game looks

worse with every move.
15. P-K4
Better is P-KKt4 after which Black has no constructive move.
15..... P-KB4?
Black gives up a P to get some air but this does not accomplish it. P-KB3 was in order, making room for the Kt.
16. PxP Kt-B3 18. B-Q2 P-QKt4
17. P-K4 Kt-B2
Hoping that White will take it. But if he does not Black will be left with P structure weaknesses. P-QB3 would have been more to the point.
19. B-Kt5? P-K5!
Why give up this good B? P-Kt5! and P-B6 and Black's K is wide open.
19..... PxP 21. Kt-Q2
20. BxKt QxB
White can recapture the P at his leisure.
21..... P-K5
A desperate effort to get an open file on White's K.
22. Kt-KP Q-R5 24. K-B1 B-Q2
23. R-Q4 Kt-K4
It took 24 moves to get this piece in motion.
25. Q-Q2 P-B4
Just how many P's can one give away and live to see another day?
26. P-K5 B-K4
27. Kt-P B-K4

After 28..... KR-QB1
BRASK



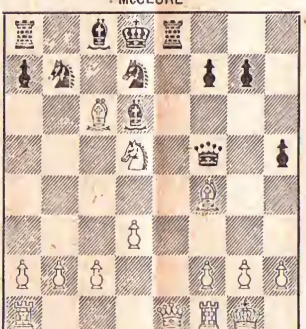
HOLENWEG
At least the QR-B1.
29. P-Kt5!
This forces the issue.
29..... QxKtP 30. Kt-K6 QxP?
22. Kt-KP 30. Kt-K6 QxP?
The final blunder. Q-B3 might have held out a little longer.
31. R-B4 Q-KB ch
32. K-K2 Q-K3 ch
If he saves the Kt, R-KKt1 is fatal.

TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE
Correspondence Chess, CCLA,
11th Grand National, Finals

Notes by A. Y. Hesse

White Black
S. BRASK PROF. J. McCURE
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-B4 Kt-B3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
A defense originated in the past to avoid the powerful threat of the Giuoco Piano and Evans Gambit, and probably the most effectual; a favorite of Pillsbury, and later receiving the attention of Tartakover, Bogoljuboff and others in the Modern School.
4. Kt-Kt5 P-Q4 5. PxP Kt-QR4
To avoid this awkward Kt move, Ulvestad suggested 5..... P-Kt4; 6. BxP, QxP?; 7. B-B1, which is still open to further analysis.
6. B-Kt5 ch P-B3 7. BxP Kt-B3 P-K5
7. PxP PxP 10. Kt-K5 B-QB4
8. B-K2 P-KR3
B-Q3 is better; to which White might reply with 11. P-Q4 or Kt-K4, neither of which would fully suffice to bring relief from the pressure of Black's offensive. (See McC, column 8, p.303)
11. O-O P-R4 13. Kt-KB3!
12. P-Q3 Q-Q4
A neat sacrifice, well timed by White, in face of his opponent's uncastled K; or if 12..... Q-Q5; then 13. Kt-B3, P-Kt1; 14. BxP, O-O; 15. P-B3, Q-KR5; 16. P-KKt1 followed by P-QR4, winning back the piece and a freer position.
13..... P-Kt1 15. Q-K1 ch
14. BxP Q-B4
The whole point to the sacrifice by which White cleverly regains the initiative and a winning attack, made possible by his opponent's 10th, 11th and 12th moves.
15. B-K2 Kt-Kt5 16. B-K3 Kt-Q2
16. B-Q2 Kt-Kt5 16. B-K3 Kt-Q2
If 18..... Q-B3 or Q-B4; then 19. Kt-Q5 wins easily.
19. Kt-Q5 B-Q3 20. B-B4! R-K1

After 20..... R-K1
McCLURE



BRASK
21. BxR!
The Q cannot be taken because of 21..... R-K2; 22. R-B7 ch, K-K1; 23. QxR ch, K-B1; 24. BxQKt, BxR; 25. B-Q6 ch, K-Kt1; 26. Kt-R7 ch winning.
21..... R-K3 23. Q-Kt4
22. B-B7 ch K-K1
An alternative—23. BxP, RxB; 24. Kt-B7 ch, B-Kt1; 25. Kt-B3, P-Kt1; 26. B-K4 might have been considered, but is not equal to the actual play.
23..... P-R4 29. QR-K1 ch K-B1
24. Q-Kt5 R-R2 30. QxRP Kt-B3
25. B-Kt5 Kt-Q3 31. R-K5 R-R3
26. B(8)xKt RxB 32. Q-B7 R(3)-R3
27. Kt-B7 ch R-Kt1 33. Q-K7 ch K-Kt1
28. QxQ R(2)x8 34. R-QB5 Resigns



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PLAYERS PLAN FOR OPEN



BALTIMORE—Scenic City of the 1948 U. S. Open Tournament



"A Song Is Born" amid chess players in the new RKO picture of that name. Seated, left to right: Benny Goodman, Danny Kaye and Felix Bressart; kibitzing is Edward Bromberg.

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SO. CAROLINA REVIVES ASS'N

The old South Carolina State Chess Ass'n has been revived with Robert F. Brand (Charleston) as president, Alexander D. Lewis (Clemson) secretary, David L. Purser (Clemson) treasurer. The Ass'n will hold the State Championship Tournament at Columbia under the direction of Paul Cromelin (Augusta) on June 19-20—a revival of the tournaments held between 1927 and 1932.

KRISCH, BARASCH WIN FINALS OF 48TH N. AMERICAN

Edward J. Krisch, Cleveland, Ohio, and Charles Barasch, Baltimore, Md., have just been declared the winners of the Finals of Class "A" and Class "C" in the annual North American Class Championships of the Correspondence Chess League of America, according to the Tournament Director, Jimmy Jenkins, Newark, N.Y.

Krisch won five games while drawing one, five games while losing one, and in the Class "C" Finals Barasch's record of 3½-1½ won for him.

JACKSON TAKES TOLEDO TITLE

In the third annual Toledo Chess Club Championship, Lawrence C. Jackson, Jr., club president, won the title with a score of 5½-1½ in the seven-man round-robin tournament. Francis H. Ashley and Robert J. Henry tied for second with 4½-1½, and Ashley won the playoff game.

NEW HAMP. PRELIM QUALIFIES SEVEN

In the preliminaries of the New Hampshire State Championship held at the Railroad YMCA, Concord, N.H., 7 players qualified to play in the semi-finals for the New Hampshire title. Six groups of five players each contested with O. Lester, Sudbury, Lebzelter, H. B. Lester and Gilmore each winning in their group by scores of 4-0. In the six group Williams and Hux tied with 3½-½ each.

At the annual election of the New Hampshire Chess & Checker Ass'n it was voted to affiliate with the USCF as a State chapter. Orlando Lester, Jr. was elected president; Harvey Wilson vice-president; Abbot Gotshall secretary-treasurer.

SCENIC BALTIMORE BECKONS CHESS PLAYERS IN JULY

Historic City Plans Gala Program For U. S. Open Tournament

Baltimore, historic city of early American days, awaits a new sensation in the holding of the U. S. Open Tournament at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, July 5-17. And the players in that Open Tournament will find Baltimore wide-awake, hospitable and a most interesting vacation spot.

Here is Fort McHenry where the Star Spangled Banner was born on that epic night in 1814 when British ships bombarded the defenses in vain, here also Mt. Clare Station where the first telegraphic message of all time was received from Samuel F. B. Morse on May 27, 1844, and the tomb of Edgar Allen Poe, Baltimore's most noted poet.

These are but a few of the high-spots of historic interest, beckoning to the chess player in his leisure hours between games. There are many others, for Baltimore is famous as a port and as an industrial center, as well as a vacationland and the home of many fine institutions of learning, of which Johns Hopkins is probably best known.

The local Tournament Committee, headed by Ira Lovett, Chairman, have been busy with plans for the entertainment and enjoyment of the chess player, and the program they have organized promises every player two weeks of pleasure and relaxation in what promises to be one of the outstanding Open Tournaments.

The Tournament Committee consists of: Ira Lovett, Chairman; George M. Lapoint, Vice-Chairman; Hans Knoch, Tournament Director; David Bentz, Asst. Tournament Director; Charles Barasch, Secretary; R. T. Smith, Jr., Asst. Secretary; Jack Stone, Treasurer; Albert Tralins, Publicity; Dr. Robert W. Garis, Finance; Ethelbert Talbot, Finance; Graydon Schreiber, Arrangements.

Early Entries

Among the first entries filed at Baltimore are the names of Herman Steiner of Los Angeles (1946 Open Champion), Anthony E. Santasiere of New York (1947 Ventnor City Open Champion), Miguel Colon (Champion of Puerto Rico), Max Pavay of New York (1947 U. S. Lightning Champion), Albert S. Pinkus and Oscar Tenner of New York, and Osias Bain of Quebec (1948 Quebec City Champion), who will head a delegation from Canada.

Due to the large attendance indicated by early entries, the Tournament Committee urges an early registration at the Hotel Lord Baltimore. Reservations may be made by writing Ira Lovett, 327 No. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

HRISSIKOPOULOS SYRACUSE CHAMP

In the Syracuse (N.Y.) City Championship C. Hrisikopoulos won the title with a score of six victories with no defeats or draws. The Class A tourney was won by R. Hewes with 5-1, and the Class B by L. Port with 4-1 in a tie with R. Bots and Mrs. Nye.

Syracuse City Championship			
C. Hris'pos	6-0	W. Damon	2-4
A. Wood	5-1	R.M. Namara	2-4
A. Damon	3½-2½	W. Ford	1½-4½

SUPPORT THE OPEN TOURNAMENT

Space is available in the Baltimore Open Tournament Program and Score Book for Chess Clubs, to support the Tournament by advertising their club. Write: Albert Tralins, New Era Advertising, 31 Light St. Baltimore 2, Maryland for details.

BALTIMORE FORMS CHESS LEAGUE

Under the sponsorship of the Maryland Chess Club a chess league has been formed in Baltimore patterned after the metropolitan chess league of New York. Members of the new league, which has applied for a USCF charter as a chapter, are: University of Baltimore Chess Club, Loyola College Chess Club, Johns Hopkins University Chess Club, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Chess Club, Maryland State University Chess Club, City College Chess Club, Polytechnic High School Chess Club, Montebello Chess Club, Gallant Knights Chess Club, and Maryland Chess Club.

Officers of the League are: David Bentz, Director; Joseph Glatt, Assistant Director; Graydon Schreiber, Secretary; and Kenneth Watson, Treasurer.

SOUTHERN CHESS ASS'N. TOURNEY

Plans for the 27th Annual Southern Chess Ass'n Tournament at the Partridge Inn, Augusta, Ga. from July 1 to 4 were made (with a change in date from July 5th) so the players could also attend the U. S. Open at Baltimore.

Under the management of Paul L. Cromelin, Georgia Chess Ass'n President, a very lively meeting is planned for this traditional tourney, which is open to all comers. 1947 Champion Stanley Weinstein (of Miami and New York) is expected to defend his title.

PAUL MORPHY DAY AT SANTA MONICA

June 20th at the Myles Memorial Playhouse in Santa Monica, Calif. will be held a chess jubilee with many chess events, open to all comers without charge, as guests of the Los Angeles Chess League and Santa Monica Bay Chess Club.

OMAHA TITLE TIE— OHMAN, LUDWIG

Drawing a 61 move six-hour battle, Howard Ohman and Alfred Ludwig tied for the Omaha City Championship with 20½ points each. Ohman, former Nebraska Champion, showed no loss of form after two years absence from tournament chess, and present Nebraska Champion Alfred Ludwig was equally in form in a strong city tournament which only lacked 1947 Champion Delmar Saxton to make the roll of Omaha's leading players complete.

Omaha City Championship

Howard Ohman	20½-3½
Alfred Ludwig	20½-3½
Lee Magee	16-8
Jack Spence	15½-8½
George Halsey	15-9
H. F. Underwood	15-9
George Stoney	11½-12½
Jerry Belzer	11-13
Walter Nelson	10-14
E. L. Holland	10-14
Sam Richman	6½-17½
William Blanchard	2½-21½
Charles Mendenhall	2-22

JOHN HOY WINS CLEVELAND TITLE

The last round defeat of E. Wyman by John Hoy gave the latter the Cleveland City Championship in a very exciting finale. Hoy, many times city champion and several times state champion, went through the final round robin with no losses and one draw against young A. Robboetoy for a score of 6½-½.

Cleveland City Championship

J. Hoy	6½-3½	F. Vencel	3½-3½
E. Wyman	5½-1½	J. Goodman	3-4
E. Somlo	4½-2½	A. Curry	1-4
A. Robboetoy	4-3	M. Patrick	0-7

(Patrick forfeited six games because of illness)

In the annual Rapid Transit Championship the title was won by E. Somlo with the score of 5-3 after a 2-1 victory over State Champion T. Ellison in a playoff match. Second was Ellison with 5-3; third J. Goodman and R. Sachs with 4½-3½ each.

BAIN WINS AGAIN QUEBEC TITLE

Repeating last year's victory youthful Osias Bain won the Quebec City Championship, defeating all opponents in an eight round tournament.

Quebec City Championship

O. Bain	8-0	R. Bedard	3½-4½
R. Lemelin	6½-1½	P. H. Nadeau	3-5
G. Nadeau	5-3	M. Dion	3-5
G. Audet	5-3	L. Gourdau	1-7
		J. Archam't	1-7

SELF IS VICTOR KANSAS TOURNEY

By virtue of a 2½-1½ score over Mechem in a play-off match, Self won the Kansas State Championship, after tying in the regular tournament with 13 wins and 2 draws against 14 wins and one loss by Mechem. Tournament was played at Wichita.

Kansas State Championship

Self	14-1	R. Granger	7-8
Mechem	14-1	Laye	7-8
Eric-Nash	12-3	Brauer	6½-8½
Stall	11½-3½	M'Donald	5-10
Hawk	9½-5½	Burnett	4-11
Dr. Granger	9½-5½	McKinney	2-13
Shuey	8½-6½	Marling	2-13
Popp	7½-7½	Carpenter	0-15

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A PREVUE OF U. S. OPEN TOURNAMENT

(Letter No. 53)

By ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.

President, United States Chess Federation

The 49th Annual Congress and Open Championship Tournament to be held at Baltimore July 5 to July 17 will be an event with a double aspect, each of which promises to transcend in size and importance any that have gone before.

Ira Lovett, colorful Chairman of the energetic Tournament Committee, is looking for a record breaking field when play begins at the Lord Baltimore Hotel and seems in a fair way to get it, even though the high mark of 86 players at Corpus Christi last summer is an imposing figure to approach. A delegation of five players from Puerto Rico, headed by Champion Miguel Colon and former Champion Rafael Cintron has given the entry list a running start. The veteran Oscar Tenner of the Manhattan Chess Club is the earliest representative of the New York players and others in that metropolis are certain to follow his lead. The Southern Chess Association will conclude its 27th Annual Championship Tourney at Augusta, Virginia, in time for the SCA players to make their presence felt in the Open after settling their sectional rivalry.

The fact that Hans Kmoch, chess master from Holland who recently made a host of new friends in an exhibition tour of this country, will direct the Open will add to the interest of the tournament as well as assure the effective management of the playing room.

The annual Directors' meeting which will convene on July 8 for a two day session is almost certain to be the largest gathering in the history of that group. The number of USCF Directors is at peak and the fact that the Congress will be held in the heart of one of the most active chess sections of the country will make for a large attendance. The presence of the Directors will not merely be welcome but will be needed for they will have occasion to grapple with problems of major importance. The addition of three new Vice-presidents, by vote of the Directors in recognition of the constantly increasing program of the USCF to be elected at Baltimore, will heighten the interest in the meeting.

Entrance fee for the Open Tournament will be \$10 in accordance with custom and entries should be sent to Ira Lovett, 327 North Charles Street, Baltimore. Contributions to the tournament fund will be welcome and will be gratefully acknowledged by Dr. Robert W. Garis, Finance Chairman, Baltimore.

The Reader's Road To Chess

By John D. French

WINNING CHESS By Fred Reinfeld and Irving Chernev; Simon and Schuster. (\$2.75)

A beautiful book heralds the coming of a new publisher to the field of chess literature. It's a beauty both in design and content; both in "readability" and text; and in both of its two authors: the USCF and CHESS LIFE's own Fred Reinfeld and the "Believe It or Not" man-about-town, Irving Chernev. The publisher is Simon and Schuster, producers of many best sellers; something which bodes well for chess.

Reinfeld and Chernev have taken a major premise in their text which is at odds with this reviewer, although my faith is shaken after reading this new book. R&C feel that combination in chess is everything, rather than the logistic methods of Nimzovitch. They go on to very convincingly prove their point. The book is written for either the beginner (that is, if he or she already knows only the rules and objects of the game) or the long-time player who has already worked his way through more than a few volumes of chess lore.

After summing up chess notation in just 600 words and five diagrams for the benefit of any novices in the reading circle (and there will be many for this splendid book), the authors tear into their subject with a happy, easy-to-read-and-enjoy will. After studying a mere 50,000 games (!), R&C have come to the conclusion (and one with merit I freely admit) that combination is the only way to (Please turn to Page 3, Column 3.)



John D. French

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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Black Self-Interference

This article is an attempt on my part to elucidate the themes used by composers resulting from Black Self-Interference.

The three named Grimshaw, Plachutta and Nowotny are all types of this theme, based on Mutual Interferences, wherein one black piece interferes with the first in a second variation. The Mutual Interference need not occur by moves of the two pieces to the same square, but in general they do so.

Mutual Interferences are of three types, based on the directions of action and of play of the black pieces involved.

1) The two pieces have the same direction of motion and they interfere on a single line. This is known as Black Anti-Bristol play and it forms the equivalent of White Anti-Bristol.

2) The two pieces have the same direction of motion but they interfere on two lines. This is the Plachutta theme.

3) The two pieces have different lines of motion and consequently they interfere on two lines. The possible combinations of pieces to be used are five. The Q may be used with either the R or the P or the B but she must be pinned. The most frequent combination is to use R and B. The mutual interference of R and B constitutes the Grimshaw theme. When a P is used instead of the black R the theme becomes the Pawn Grimshaw.

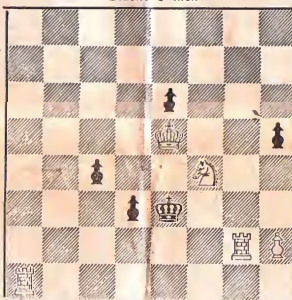


Dr. P. G. Keeney

In the Nowotny theme a white piece is sacrificed on the square of interference.

The fact remains, however, that these three themes all stem from Black Self-Interference play. Why not speak of them as such instead of giving them such non-comprehensive names as Grimshaw, Plachutta and Nowotny?

Problem No. 29
By Thomas F. Mosimann
Hyattsville, Md.
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 5 men

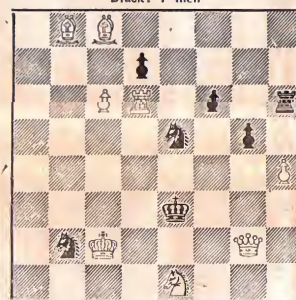


White: 5 men
S, 8, 4d3, 4K2p, 2p2s2,
Rk3, B1P, R7
White mates in three moves

Today our problem feast for the solvers consists of two pleasing three-movers. Problem No. 29 is a composition of T. F. Mosimann of Hyattsville, Md., who admits, that while he has had several of his problems published, he is not a well known composer. Well, that's what I am looking for, an opportunity to exploit the compositions of novices or little known composers, when they produce something worthwhile. I consider Mr. Mosimann's creation of this type. It has some nice tries and a fair key.

Problem No. 30 is a three-er by another American composer of considerable renown, who has composed many good three-ers in recent years. Mr. Mowrey likes to compose complicated problems with a good bit of variety. Problem No. 30 is a typical example of his composing style.

Problem No. 30
By H. C. Mowrey
Malden, Mass.
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 7 men



White: 8 men
1B35, Sp4, 2P1k1r, 4s1p1,
7p, 4k3, 1sK3Q1, 4s3
White mates in three moves

CORRECTION: Diagrams of Problems 25 and 26 were correct although Forsythe was wrong. Under the solution to Problem No. 21 the theme was Dalton, not Dawson.

Solutions:

Problem No. 23 proved to be another unsound problem, having two keys, viz: 1. (author's) P-B7 and 1. (cook) K-R4. This cook is regrettable since it completely ruins the Barulin Defence built in the conception: 1. P-B7, R-B3; 2. P-R2. The solution to Problem No. 24 is: 1. Kt-B8, threat: 2. Kt-R7 ch, K-B5; 3. Q-R2. If 1... K-B3; 2. Q-R8 ch, K-R4; 3. Kt-Q6. If 1... K-B5; 2. Q-R2 ch, K-R4; 3. Kt-R7. If 1... P-B5; 2. K-R4, K-B3; 3. Q-R6. If 2... other: 3. Kt-R7. A pretty clean-cut 3-er, greatly admired by the solvers of Problems of Chess Life.

Solvers reporting one key to Problem No. 23 and the correct solution to Problem No. 24 were: Vincent Sprague (Cleveland); Jack Spence (Omaha); Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.); James Bolton (New Haven).

Solvers reporting two solutions to Problem No. 23 and the correct solution to Problem No. 24 were: T. Lundberg (Dallas); H. Groendyke and N. Gabor (Cincinnati). Malcolm T. Brown (Weymouth, Pa.) found one solution to Problem No. 23.

The keymove of Problem No. 25 is 1. Q-B3 with threat of 2. Q-R8. Black's main defenses are 1... Kt-R4; 1... Kt-R4; and 1... Kt-B3; the mates by White respectively, being: 2. P-Q4, R-K7 and R-Q4. Solvers reported the composition "pretty" and enjoyable.

Problem No. 26 proved to be another cooked problem instead of a gem of the first water. Strange it is indeed that first class composers overlook obvious and brutal cooks!

My explanation is that problem composers are as a rule poor solvers and especially poor testers of their own compositions. They seemingly assume there can be no other solution than the one they have evolved to exhibit their theme. Study Problem No. 26 for example. The eminent Hungarian composer had conceived the following elegant solution: 1. Kt-B5, threat: 2. Kt-R4. If 1... Kt-Q4; 2. Kt-R4. If 1... Kt-R7; 2. R-Kt. If 1... Kt-Q5; 2. Q-KP. If 1... Kt-B6; 2. Q-Q2. If 1... P-K5; 2. Q-Kt, etc. All very fine and intended as an example of a mutual bivariate theme but Mr. Fleck through either carelessness or overconfidence in his composing ability failed to note the obvious and ruinous second key to his problem, which completely ruins any merit the problem might have possessed.

The "cook" key is 1. QxP, threat: 2. Q or R-Kt and Black cannot avoid mate on the second move. Summing up then: Problem No. 26 has two keys, viz: 1. Kt-B6 (author's) and 1. QxP (cook). There is an old adage: "too many cooks spoil the broth." Applied to problem composing it would read: "one cook spoils the problem!"

Solvers reporting the correct solution to Problem No. 25 and two solutions to Problem No. 26 were: Charles Brokaski (Brookfield, Ill.) and James Bolton (New Haven).

Solvers submitting the correct solution to Problem No. 25 and one solution to Problem No. 26 were: T. Lundberg (Dallas, Tex.), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.), Jack Spence (Omaha, Neb.), Malcolm D. Brown (Weymouth, Pa.), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids, Mich.), Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit, Mich.), N. Gabor and H. Groendyke (Cincinnati, O.) Mr. Lundberg is also credited with solving Problems No. 23 and 24.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

TOURNAMENT NOTES:— Jack Collins, international correspondence player par excellence, has annexed the championship of the Brooklyn Chess Club after playing through a rigorous schedule without losing a game. Moe Osher was the runner-up, while Sol Wanetik, young Brooklyn College ace, took third.

The completion of the annual competition of the Metropolitan Chess League saw the senior team of the Marshall Chess Club and the Log Cabin octet tied for top honors. A play-off will be arranged. Brooklyn finished third in the field of 9 teams, while the Manhattan Chess Club, last year's champions, kitzed from the sidelines. However, a large number of Manhattan players made "seasonal" affiliations with other clubs in order to remain in this traditional competition.

The interscholastic season draws to a close, and a lively tournament of 14 schools, directed by Milton Hanauer, sees the Bronx High School of Science team (Finkelstein coaching) in an unassailable position as the last round approaches.

Practical jokers have invaded chess! Abe Turner, Mount Vernon's gift to the game, was the target of an amazing series of telegrams during the recent NY Area tournament. These missives, "signed" by the world's leading chess figures, are typified by the condolences "telegraphed" by the F.I.D.E. after one of Abe's losses. It seems that Dr. Rueb felt, with Turner, that the game could easily have been won!

With the news that Sammy Reshevsky has decided to take a 2-year rest from chess, and with a number of masters having joined him in inactivity, the probability faces us that Santasiere or Kramer may take the title. In any event, I would pick them in that order. WOULD YOU CARE TO PREDICT THE NEXT U.S. CHAMPION?

Solutions:

Endgame Positions No. 13 and 14
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Position No. 13 by E. Hufendick: 1. P-K7, B-Q3; 2. P-B7, R-B7; 3. Kt-K4 ch, BxKt; 4. Kt-B4 ch, K-Q5 (if 4... K-K4; 5. Kt-Q3 ch wins); 6. Kt-R6 ch, K-Q4; 6. Kt-B5 wins.

Position No. 14 by H. Major: 1. Kt-B7 ch, K-R5; 2. Kt-Q5, K-K4 (a); 3. Kt-P, KxKt; 4. P-K6, P-R4; 5. P-K7, K-R5; 6. P-K5(Q), K-R7; 7. K-K4, P-R6; 8. K-Q3, P-R7; 9. Q-K7 ch, K-R8; 10. Q-R3, P-R5(Q); 11. Q-R3 ch, K-R8; 12. P-R5(Q), K-R8 (a); 13. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 14. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 15. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 16. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 17. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 18. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 19. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 20. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 21. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 22. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 23. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 24. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 25. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 26. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 27. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 28. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 29. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 30. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 31. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 32. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 33. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 34. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 35. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 36. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 37. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 38. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 39. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 40. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 41. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 42. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 43. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 44. Q-R3 ch, K-R8 (a); 45. 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Comments by Fred Reinfeld

Reshevsky played with great energy throughout, casting Queen-side in an Open Defense to the Ruy Lopez! He sacrificed the exchange with profitable results, as his passed Pawns assured him a won ending.

a whole series of powerful blows. A good game.

FRENCH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 19

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 18

White	Black
P. KERES	S. RESHEVSKY
1. P-K4	18. Kt-K1
2. Kt-KB3	19. Q-B1
3. B-K15	20. B-B4
4. B-R4	21. B-K3
5. O-O	22. R-Q2
6. P-Q4	23. QxKtP
7. B-K13	24. Kt-K1
8. PxP	25. R-Rch
9. Q-K2	26. Kt-K1
10. R-Q1	27. Kt-Q3
11. R-Kt1	28. R-K1
12. B-K15	29. Kt-K4
13. B-R4	30. P-K4
14. Kt-B3	31. P-QB3
15. B-K13	32. RxB
16. Kt-QP	33. R-K3
17. Kt-B6	34. KxQ

After 39. Kt-B4

White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	M. BOTVINNIK
1. P-Q4	21. R-B1
2. Kt-KB3	22. Kt-K2
3. B-K15	23. K-B1
4. P-K5	24. K-K1
5. P-QR3	25. B-K15
6. PxP	26. R-K1
7. Q-K13	27. P-QB3
8. P-K13	28. Kt-B4
9. PxP	29. B-B6 ch
10. B-Q2	30. PxK1
11. B-Q3	31. Q-K1
12. Kt-B2	32. P-R4
13. Kt-B4	33. Kt-Q3
14. BxB	34. R-R3
15. Q-Q3	35. R-K3
16. P-KR4	36. Q-Q1
17. R-R3	37. R-R4
18. R-K13	38. P-K13
19. P-R5	39. Kt-B4
20. P-R6	40. BxB

White	Black
V. SMYSLOV	DR. EUWE
1. P-K4	14. Q-K4
2. Kt-KB3	15. Kt-R3
3. B-K15	16. P-QB3
4. B-R4	17. QxBP
5. O-O	18. P-K6
6. P-Q4	19. R-Q7
7. B-K13	20. QxQ
8. PxP	21. Kt-Q4
9. Q-K2	22. B-K3
10. R-Q1	23. R-RP
11. RPxKt	24. B-K1
12. P-B4	25. P-K15
13. PxP	26. R-K3

Euwe played his favorite Open Defense to the Ruy but seemed baffled by Smyslov's copying of "the" new move 9. Q-K2 with which Keres had already defeated Euwe. A snappy Pawn sacrifice led to the rapid demolition of Black's game.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 19

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 18

White	Black
M. BOTVINNIK	V. SMYSLOV
1. P-Q4	18. Kt-K1
2. P-QB4	19. BxB ch
3. P-KK13	20. P-B4
4. PxP	21. Q-K3
5. B-K12	22. Q-RB1
6. Kt-KB3	23. QxP
7. Q-Q2	24. R-Rch
8. Kt-B3	25. BxKt
9. B-B4	26. QxKt
10. Q-B1	27. R-RP
11. R-Q1	28. R-Q2
12. P-KR3	29. Q-K6
13. Kt-K3	30. Kt-Q3
14. P-K4	31. QxK5 ch
15. K-R2	32. P-Q
16. B-K15	33. Kt-K2
17. Kt-B	34. R-K1
18. B-K3	35. R-Q2
19. B-B1	36. R-K2
20. P-Q5	37. R-P
21. B-QK15	38. Q-B2

Reshevsky-Botvinnik was the crucial game of the tournament—if Sammy won, he would still have a chance for first prize. Sammy started with 1. P-Q4, in quest of complications. Botvinnik defended with his tried and true French Defense. Reshevsky tried hard, perhaps too hard, for attack. Botvinnik defended ably, thrust back the attack and finally seized the attack. He gave up the exchange and sent Reshevsky reeling with

Keres played a peculiar defense to Botvinnik's Queen Pawn Opening. Black's 16....., P-QKt4?? is a serious positional boner, which gives White a lasting bind on the position. The Knight and Pawn ending is played by Botvinnik with great skill.

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

World Championship, Round 20

White	Black
M. BOTVINNIK	P. KERES
1. P-Q4	31. K-B1
2. Kt-KB3	32. K-K2
3. P-B4	33. K-Q3
4. PxP	34. Kt-B3
5. Q-K13	35. Kt-R3
6. B-K15	36. P-B3
7. BxB	37. Kt-K4 ch
8. P-K3	38. Q-Q3
9. QKt-Q2	39. PxP
10. R-B1	40. K-K3
11. P-QR3	41. K-Q3
12. B-Q3	42. Kt-Q5
13. Q-B2	43. P-R4
14. QxB	44. Kt-B4
15. O-O	45. Kt-R5
16. R-B3	46. K-K3
17. Q-B2	47. P-Q5
18. Kt-K1	48. Kt-K1P
19. R-B6	49. Kt-K2
20. Kt-Q3	50. Q-K4
21. Kt-K14	51. Kt-K1
22. Q-KB5	52. Kt-B5 ch
23. R-KB1	53. K-B3
24. R-R	54. P-KK4
25. R-K16	55. P-K15
26. Kt-B5	56. P-P
27. Kt-R	57. Kt-K1
28. Q-B2	58. P-K5
29. QxQ	59. P-K6 ch
30. Kt-K11	60. K-B1

Reshevsky handled the Black side of a Nimzovich Defense in masterly style against Euwe. At the end Euwe was reduced to complete helplessness.

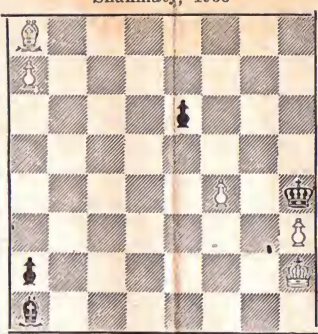
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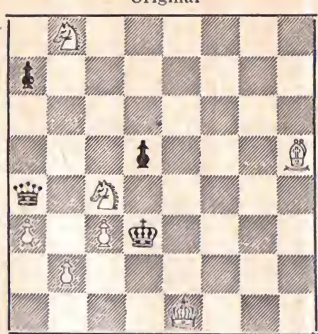
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White To Play And Win!

Position No. 19 represents the clever handling of a White B and Q in an interesting creation by one of the Soviet endgame composers. Position No. 20 is a comparatively simple theme in which White plans to trade one or two pieces for the Q and win on a surviving P.

Solutions will be published in the July 5th issue.
(We regret that Position No. 10 was incorrectly stated. There should have been a P at K2 to prevent P-KK18(Q), as Sr. Miguel Colon and Dr. P. G. Keeney have pointed out.)

Position No. 20
By Guilherme Groesser (Chicago)
Original



White to play and win

READER'S ROAD TO CHESS

Continued from page 2, column 1

win at chess..... "the proper use of combination is the secret of winning chess," as they say. So they show 20 different forms of tactics, from pins to forks, to skewers, to all kinds of checks and a number of clearly defined principles that the club player might not have realized existed, even though he uses them.

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NIMZOVICH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 20

White	Black
DR. EUWE	S. RESHEVSKY
1. P-Q4	15. Kt-K13
2. P-QB4	16. Kt-K11
3. Kt-KB3	17. Kt-K2
4. Q-B2	18. Kt-B3
5. Kt-B3	19. R-B1
6. Q-Q2	20. Kt-K13
7. P-QR3	21. Bt-B1
8. BxB	22. Kt-K13
9. P-K3	23. Kt-K2
10. B-Q3	24. Kt-K13
11. P-P	25. Kt-B1
12. O-O	26. P-B3
13. B-B5	27. BxB
14. QxB	28. R-B2
15. QxQ	29. R-B2
16. P-QK14	30. Kt-K2
17. B-K12	31. Kt-Q2
18. P-K15	32. Kt-Q2
19. KR-Q1	33. R-Q3
20. K-B1	34. Kt-B1
21. KR-B1	35. P-QB4
22. B-B3	36. Kt-B

For once Sammy had no trouble in the opening, and obtained quite a satisfactory game on the black side of a Ruy against Smyslov. The game eventually petered out into a draw.

RUY LOPEZ

World Championship, Round 21

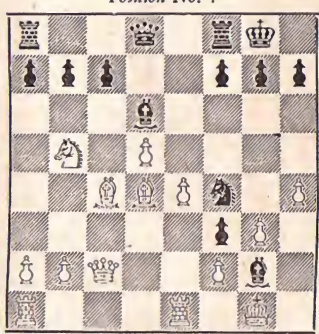
White	Black
V. SMYSLOV	S. RESHEVSKY
1. P-K4	22. QxQ
2. Kt-KB3	23. Kt-P
3. B-K15	24. P-K13
4. B-R4	25. Kt-K1P
5. O-O	26. R-R
6. P-Q4	27. Kt-Q5
7. B-K13	28. P-B4
8. PxP	29. R-QB1
9. Q-K2	30. Kt-B6 ch
10. R-Q1	31. Kt-R5 ch
11. B-K3	32. Kt-B1
12. RPxKt	33. Kt-K3
13. P-B4	34. P-B5
14. PxP	35. R-B5
15. QKt-Q2	36. Kt-Q5
16. Kt-K13	37. Kt-K7
17. B-B5	38. Kt-K16
18. Q-K4	39. PxKt ch
19. PxP	40. K-K12
20. BxB	41. Kt-B
21. Kt-B5	42. Q-K13 ch

Keres played very risky chess against Euwe, who probably had a win at one point. But Euwe missed out badly in the complications and succumbed to a surprisingly virulent attack when only the heavy pieces were on the board.

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?
Position No. 4



Send solutions to Position No. 4 to the Editor, Chess Life, by June 20th. Give main lines of play.

Solution to Position No. 2:—

Almost identical in idea with No. 1, it occurred in a game between N.N. and V. Soultanbeieff, Liege, 1933, 1..... Rxfch1 2. Kt-R7 ch; 3. K-K4, R-R4; 4. R-B1, R-QK1; 5. R-QR1, R-R5 ch; 6. K-R3; 7. K-B3, KxP; 8. R-K13, R-R4; 9. R-R4, P-QK13; and White resigned.

Correct solutions received from: Malcolm D. Brown (Wycombe, Pa.); Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit); P. Palazzo (Lorain, O.); V. O. Sprague (Cleveland).

Melbourne, Australia: Championship tourney: L. Steiner 10½ (out of 11!); Purdy 10; Pickler 8½; Armstrong 6½; Klass 6, etc.

Vienna, Austria: A six master tournament ended with the following results: 1. Lokvenc 8 (out of 10 without defeat); 2. E. Grunfeld 7; 3. Z. Kovacs (Hungary) 5; 4. Lemmer (Champion of Australia) 4; 6. Sz. Toth (Hungary) and Watzl 3 each.

Linz, Austria: Dorn won the Championship of Linz, followed by Hollnauer and Schlager.

Sweden: A tournament in Stockholm ended as follows: G. Stoltz 6 (on 7); 2. Skold 5½; 3-5. J. Mieses (83 years old!), Nymann and Skarap 3 each; 6-8. Hult, Sjoestam and Werle 2½ each.

Jacques Mieses toured Sweden, and of 188 games played won 76, lost 23 and drew 89.....a very fine score for the grand old master!

The New World Champion



The Championship of the Moscow Province was won by Aronine with 8½ (on 10) before Tchoumitchev, Koutjanine, etc. That of the Province of Smolensk was won by the well known master Dus-Chotimirski (who is now 67 years old!) The championship of the Russian Navy was won by Major Krilow. Basel, Switzerland: Dr. P. Jeppin won the Championship of Basel with 7 (on 8) followed by Dr. E. Voellmy and Lardon with 5½ each, and P. Muller (ex-champion) and Leiser with 5 each, etc. Bad Nauheim, Germany: The young student Wolfgang Unzicker (23 years old) again won a strong master tournament last month in Bad Nauheim: 1. Unzicker 9 (out of 12—only lost one, and this to the talented Walter Niephaus); 2. Reilstab 8; 3-5. Kieninger (Champion of Germany, 1947), Niephaus and Dr. Rodle 7½ each; 6-8. Rautenberg, Czaya and Dr. Troeger 7; 9. Dr. Lange 5½; 10. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

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U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White: PLATZ Black: HEITNER

1. P-K4 Kt-KB3 4. P-B5 Kt-Q4
2. P-K5 Kt-Q4 5. B-B4 P-K3
3. P-QB4 Kt-K13 6. Q-K14 Kt-QB3

An interesting continuation here is 6... Q-B3; 7. BxP; 8. P-Q4 Q-B2; 9. Kt-Q2, P-P; 10. Kt-R3, P-P; 11. O-O and White's superior development is worth a P. (Platz-Brask, Correspondence, 1944 and Platz-Pilnick, Manhattan Chess Club, 1946).

7. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 9. P-Q4 P-P
8. BxP P-P 10. P-P Q-B2

An analysis of the Byrne brothers suggests here 10... Kt(4)-K5; 11. Q-K4, Kt-Q5; 12. Kt-R1, QxKt with even chances.

11. Q-K4 B-K5 ch 12. B-Q2 Kt-K2
Unnecessary and losing valuable time. He should castle instead and not worry about a P. i.e. 12... O-O; 13. BxKt P-B; 14. QxQ, R-K1.

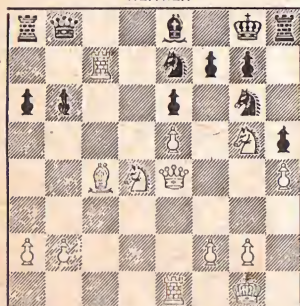
13. Q-Q2 BxP 15. K-R1 B-Q2
14. QxKt Kt-K3 16. Q-R-B1 Q-Kt-
White was threatening P-QR4.

17. P-KR4 P-KR4 18. B-Q3
Threatens Kt-B4-Q6.

19. Kt-Q4 K-B1
Black wants to bring his K to safety and O-O leaves his Kt-P2 too weak.

20. Kt-B3 K-K1 22. Kt-KK5
19. B-B5 P-R3
This is better than 22. KR-QB, Kt-Q4 followed by P-QR3.

22... B-K1 24. R-B7!
23. B-B4 P-K3

After 24. R-B7!
HEITNER

Decisive, as it threatens Kt(4)xP.
24... QxR 26. Q-B5
25. QxR Q-B1
The quickest way to win.
27. N(Q)NAP! 28. Kt-Q8 P-B3
29. N(Q)NAP! 30. P-P P-P
31. R-K8 ch Resigns

28. BxP B-K4
29. BxP B-K4
30. Kt-B1 then 32. Kt(Kt5)-K6; and if 31... K-K2; 32. Kt(Q8)-K6 ch, K-R3; 32. Kt-B7 ch, etc.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
Individual Intercollegiate Cham-
pionship, New York, 1947

Notes by Richard Harrell

White: A. PANOFF Black: A. WOJNOWER
(Pennsylvania) (Columbia)

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. Kt-KB3 P-B3
2. P-QB4 P-K3 6. P-P KPxP
3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3 7. P-K3 Q-B2
4. B-K5 Q-Kt2

A more logical evolution is... B-Q8... O-O
... Kt-K1 and ... Kt-KB1, to be altered
according to circumstances. The Q cannot
be well placed on a file where it will oppose
an enemy R.

5. B-KB4
Not in the attritious spirit of the QGD.
Better is 8. R-QB1, etc. Practice shows that
Black has great difficulty meeting the minor-
ity attack in this variation.

8... B-Q3 10. B-Q3 P-B4
9. BxB QxB
The isolated QP can be of no help to Black.
Proper is still... O-O and ... R-K1 and
an occupation of K5.

11. PxP Kt-P 13. BxB ch
12. B-Kt5ch B-Q2

A good maneuver, the sooner the endgame,
the better.

13... QxB 15. R-B1 Kt-K3
14. O-O

Presumably thinking about an eventual
P-Q5, but 16... Kt(4)-K5 is considerably
better.

16. Q-Q2 KR-Q1 18. Kt-Q4 P-QR3?
17. KR-Q1 QR-B1

Still not... Kt-K5! Why?
19. P-KR3 Kt-K4 20. Kt(4)-K2 P-KR3

The last move had meaning only of 20...
Kt(4)-K5 were intended. The text is simply
shilly-shallying.

21. Kt-K5

Kt-RP ch?

A positional advantage is the only justification
for a sacrifice; so it is scarcely sur-

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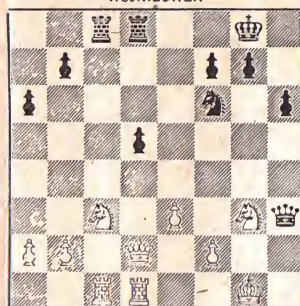
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J. Soudakoffprising that this leads nowhere. 21...
Kt-K3 again threatening... P-Q5 seems
relatively best.
22. PxKt QxP
After 22... QxP
WOJNOWER

White: PANOFF Black: RICKLEIS

23. QKt-K2 Kt-K15 27. PxP P-KK14
24. Kt-B4 Q-R7 ch 28. Kt(4)-R5 Q-R6ch
25. K-B1 R-P 29. K-K1 P-B4
26. RxR P-Q5
29... R-K1 ch; 30. K-Q1 leads nowhere
30. Q-K2 Q-K17
31... RxP; 31. Q-K8 ch leads to mate.
32. R-B7 R-K1 33. P-R7 ch KxR
32. R-K17 ch K-R1 34. Q-K7 ch Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE
City Championship
Rochester, N.Y., 1948

Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger

White: G. SWETZER Black: M. RICKLEIS

1. P-K4 P-QB4 6. B-K3 B-K3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 7. B-K2 P-Q3
3. P-Q4 P-P 8. O-O O-O
4. Kt-P Kt-KB3 9. P-KR3
5. Kt-QB3 P-KK13

This move is not without merit, preparing
the K-side advance of P; however it permits
resolution of the tension by 9... P-K4.

9... B-K3
9... P-Q4 is preferable; however 9... B-K3
if correctly followed up is satisfactory too,
since 10. Kt-B1, P-Kt would give Black a
strong grip on the center and an open file
as equivalent for the two Bs.

10. Kt-KB3
Most players would prefer 10. Kt-K13, to
continue with 11. P-K4 and P-KK14. How-
ever the Kt on K13 permits the usual Q-side
attack of Black (Kt(H4)-B5, White's ide-
a is to answer 10... Kt-R4 with 11. P-K5
with interesting play.

10... Q-Q2
This move is a loss of time. 10... Kt-B4
was necessary. Now White's position becomes
very strong.

11. Q-Q2
If two do the same thing, it may not work
the same way. White's Q ogles the beautiful
square K16.

11... QR-QB1 13. P-K5
12. QR-Q1 Kt-QR4
The correct idea, but at the wrong time.
13... PxP
Better was 13... Kt-K1.
14. Kt-P QxQ 15. RxQ Kt-K5
Again 15... Kt-R1 would give counter-
chances, for instance: 16. P-KK14, Kt-Q8;
17. BxRP, BxP; 18. PxR, Kt-KB5.

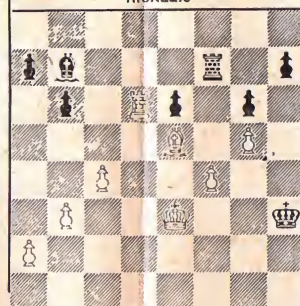
16. Kt-R1 BxKt 18. P-QB4 Kt-QK12
17. P-QK13 P-QK13 19. P-K2
Now White advances his 1's gaining several
tempo through the awkward position of
Black's Bs. Notice the strength of the
White Kt on K4.

19... B-KK12 22. Kt-KK15 B-QB1
20. P-KK14 QR-Q1 23. B-KB3
21. KR-Q1 P-KB4
Threatens to win the exchange by BxKt.
22... RxR
24. RxR Kt-Q3 27. Kt-B
25. B-Q5 ch Kt-R1
A very pretty offer of the exchange. If
27... Kt-R1; 28. BxKt, if K-R4; 29.
B-B3 ch, K-R3; 30. P-K5 ch, K-R4; 31.
B-B3 ch, K-R3; 32. K-K12 and mate to
follow.

27... KxKt 29. BxK1 PxB
28. B-Q4 ch K-R3 30. B-K5 P-K3
It is difficult to find a good plan for Black.
The threat was K-K12-K13-R4 and if Black
moves P-K14 White retorts with P-B5 and
wins, since the Black K is stalemated. The
move 30... P-K3 threatens to resolve the
tension by 31. P-K14; therefore White's
following maneuver:

31. P-K15 ch K-R4 34. KxP B-K12 ch
32. K-B2 K-R5 35. K-K3 R-KB2
33. K-K3 KxP 36. R-Q6
The rest is an instinctive, well played end-
ing, which shows that endings with Bs of
opposite color are not necessarily drawn.

After 36. R-Q6
RICKLEIS



White: SWETZER Black: RICKLEIS

36... B-B1 48. P-QK16 K-KB4
37. P-QK14 R-Q2 49. R-KB8 ch K-KK15
38. P-QR4 R-QB2 50. R-QK18 B-KB6
39. K-Q4 R-Q2 51. R-QB8 K-KB4
40. P-QB5 P-P ch 52. R-KB8 ch K-KK15
41. KxP R-KB2 53. R-K5 K-KB4
42. P-QK15 K-KK15 54. R-K5 ch K-KK15
43. R-QB6 B-K12 55. R-K7 RxR
44. RxP(K6) R-Q2 56. BxR KxP
45. B-Q6 K-KB4 57. K-O6 K-KB4
46. R-K3 K-KK15 58. K-OB7 K-K5
47. P-QR5 P-QR3 59. B-Q8 Resigns

RETI OPENING

U. S. Championship Preliminaries

Area 5, Fort Worth, 1948

Notes by Richard Harrell

White: R. HARRELL Black: W. H. JAMES

1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 3. Kt-R3 P-QB4
2. P-B4
Not constructive, and therefore bad. Good
are 3... P-K4; 3... Kt-QB3; or 3...
P-QR3.

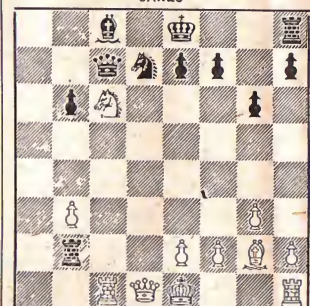
4. Kt-P Kt-QB3
5... P-KK13 immediately challenging the
long diagonal would pose White a harder
problem.

5. P-QK13 Kt-B3 7. B-QK12 B-KK12
6. P-KK13 P-KK13 8. B-K12 Q-B2?
Again lacking sufficient care, although
White's splendid development already gives
him an advantage. Too few players realize
that these "slow" positional games can be
transformed into a holocaust in the twink-
ling of an eye unless played very incisively.

9. R-QB1 P-QK13 10. P-Q4!

This should be the winning move; what
follows is interesting.
10... Kt-Q2
Black must go into the combination, for
if 10... B-K12; 11. PxP, P-P the weakness
in the open QB file would be fatal.

11. PxP BxB 13. Kt-B RxP
12. P-P P-P 14. Kt-Q4!
The key to 10. P-Q4.
14... RxKt 15. Kt-K1??
After 15. Kt-K1?
JAMES



Played with the preconceived idea of 16.
Q-Q4 splitting the two Rs. Actually it is a
grave error. Proper was 16. BxKt! and
Black can resign, for after 16... Q-K11
(or K12); 17. Q-B1 and wins the R or mate.
15... B-R3!
Excellent, a "hopeless" position becomes
very menacing.

16. B-B3?
16. Kt-Q4 was the best and only move, but
White still dreamed of Q-Q4.

17. Kt-K4
Like a blow to the midriff.
17. Kt-Kt QxKt 18. R-R1?
And now Black can force the win. White is
punch-drunk; 15. O-O is obviously imperative,
15... Q-K14?
But Black has never too—18... Q-B6 ch;
19. K-B1, QxB; 20. K-K11 QxKt; 21. QxQ,
BxQ!; 22. R-R8 ch, K-Q2; 23. RxR, B-B6 and
mate next.

19. O-O O-O 20. B-Q5! QxP
This allows White to draw ingeniously, but
Black had scarcely any better move.

21. RxB! QxR 23. Q-Q8 ch R-B1
22. BxP ch RxB 24. Q-Q5 ch Drawn
For either White wins the Black R on
KK12 or perpetual check, if 22... Kx3!
the combination works equally well. Both sides
were lucky.

CHESS LIFE ABROAD

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5)

Hoenlinger 5; 11. Schlensker 4 1/2;
12. Roehrich 2 1/2; and last... please
note: L. Moldt (UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA) 0... How come?
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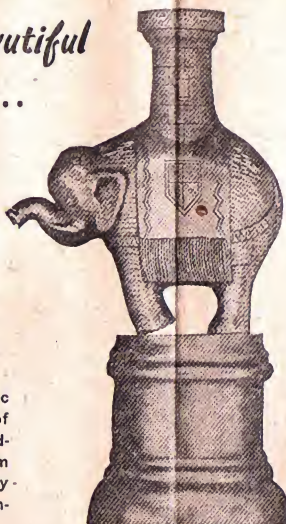
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JUNIORS GIRD FOR BATTLE

OAK RIDGE PLANS WELCOME FOR JUNIOR CHESS PLAYERS

Third U. S. Junior Championship Gala Event in Atomic Capitol

Plans for the Third Annual U. S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge, Tennessee—"Atomic Capitol of the World"—on July 19-24 promise a most outstanding event. Free housing to all contestants will be provided under the sponsorship of the Oak Ridge Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Oak Ridge Lions' Club, while a full program has been planned by the Oak Ridge Chess Club, hosts to the tournament.

George Koltanowski, world-famous blindfolded expert and CHESSE LIFE associate editor, will serve as Tournament Director; and his presence assures perfect handling of the planned eleven-round Swiss system tournament, as Koltanowski helped introduce this system in the United States.

As an innovation, in addition to the usual prizes awarded to the top positions in the tournament, there will also be two special awards to the two top players under sixteen years of age. This will extend special recognition to the younger players without depriving them of the advantage and experience of battling it out with the older and more experienced juniors.

ENTRIES TO OPEN ARE POURING IN AS DATE NEARS

As CHESSE LIFE goes to press entries continue to pour in at Baltimore from well-known and lesser known players.

In addition to Steiner, Santasiere, Colon, Cintron, Pavey, Tenner, Pinkus and Bain who were listed in the last issue, it is now expected that the list will include Isaac Kashdan, I. A. Horowitz, Larry Evans and N. T. Whitaker.

OPEN TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates: July 5-17.
Place: Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md.

Accommodations: Room rates at Lord Baltimore range from \$4 for a single room with bath; \$6.50 for double room; \$7.50 for double room with twin beds. Write: Reservation Department, Lord Baltimore, Baltimore 1, Md., stating that you are attending the U. S. Chess Federation.

Entry fee: \$10 to USCF Members (Non-members add \$1 for annual dues in USCF); send checks made out to: Jack Stone, Tournament Treasurer, % Maryland Chess Club, 1013 N. Charles St., Baltimore 1, Maryland.

Chess Clocks: There is still a shortage of clocks, so all contestants are requested to bring a chess clock if possible—all other chess equipment will be furnished.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Dates: July 19-24.
Place: Ridge Hall, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Accommodations: Free housing will be provided for all entrants.

Entry fee: \$5.00 to USCF Members (Non-members add \$1 for annual dues); send checks to William H. Rankins, 133 West Pasadena Road, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Qualifications: Open to all citizens of the United States and Canada who have not attained their 21st birthday.

Transportation: Southern Railway or L & N to Knoxville, bus to Oak Ridge. Oak Ridge is on Tennessee Highway No. 61—take Route 25 from the North, Route 70 from the West, and Routes 41 and 11 from the South.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Since passes are required for admission to Oak Ridge; entries must be mailed in well in advance of opening date.

KASHDAN MISSES STOCKHOLM MEET

Isaac Kashdan (USCF appointed Zonal representative) has found that he will be unable to play in the Tournament at Stockholm. As it is unlikely that either Horowitz or Denker (the two other eligibles) will play, this leaves the U. S. without a representative at Stockholm. The good side of this news is the fact that Kashdan will now grace both the Open and Championship tournaments with his presence.

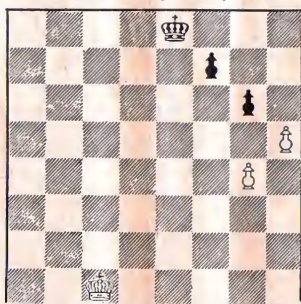
SANTA MONICA BESTS FERRO

In a three day short-wave radio match with Argentina, the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club defeated the Ferro Chess Club of Olavarría, Argentina by a score of 3-1.

Radio enthusiast Warren Newcombe supplied the transmission for Santa Monica, while Mrs. Newcombe's fluent Spanish ironed out all language difficulties.

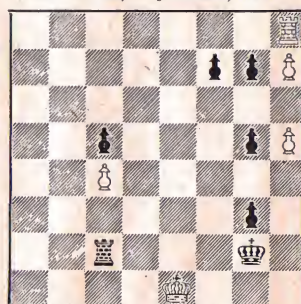
Santa Monica	Ferro Chess
A. Spiller	Grijera, Jr.
Paul Wrangell	Reig
George Steven	Pedro Lopez
Red Newport	A. Sosa
Santa Monica	Ferro

Position No. 21
By L. Prokes (Prague)
Cechoslovensky Sach, 1946



4k3, 5p2, 6p1, 7p, 6p1,
5, 8, 2k5
White to play and win

Position No. 22
By J. H. Marwitz
2nd Prize, Tijdschrift, 1941



7k, 5pp, 8, 2p3p, 2p5,
6p1, 2k3k1, 4k3
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

THEORY states that when the Black K is closer to the P position than the White K, Black should draw. The eminent Czech composer L. Prokes in Position No. 21 successfully thumbs his nose at this well-worn bit of theory in an ending that has much practical value.

In Position No. 22, although the positions are entirely dissimilar, one is reminded of the late John F. Barry's famous victory over Pillsbury, where the Q completed a similar series of zigzag checks to accomplish a brilliant victory.

Solutions will be published in the July, 20th issue.

U. S. Women's Open Championship Restored at Baltimore Tournament

Play for the Helen Cobb Trophy, emblematic of the U. S. Women's Open Championship will be resumed at the U. S. Open Tournament at Baltimore, July 5-17. This event was suspended when the U. S. Women's Championship Tournaments were inaugurated in 1940 in connection with the U. S. Biennial Championship. With the revival of the U. S. Women's Open Championship the growing activity of women chess players receives fuller recognition. The winner of the Woman's Open will be seeded in the Woman's Championship.

It is expected that U. S. Women's Champion Miss N. May Karff, who won the Helen Cobb Trophy in 1938 at Boston and retained possession of it in 1939 at New York when first place honors rested in a tie between Miss Karff, Mrs. Mary Bain and Dr. Helen Weissenstein, will appear at Baltimore to defend her Open Championship before journeying to So. Fallsburg to defend her U. S. Woman's Championship.

POWER WINS NO. WEST WASH.

The 2nd Annual Northwest Washington Championship went to Neil Power without loss of a game with a score of 9-1. Draws to Naas and Brandstrom accounted for the lost point. Second was Lawrence Taro with 8½-1½, losing to Power and drawing with Naas. Third was defending champion Charles Abbott with 8-2, with losses to Power and Taro.

Funds For The Open Tournament

Ira Lovett, Chairman of the U. S. Open Tournament Committee, announces that contributions to the prize fund will be welcomed and urges all chess players who believe in "Open Tournaments" to send their checks to Jack Stone, 1013 N. Charles, Baltimore.

SHIELDS REGAINS KENTUCKY TITLE

After several years of semi-retirement, Richard W. Shields emerged to regain the Kentucky State Championship which he held for a number of years. Former State Champion Jack Moyse and Merrill Dowden, chess editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal finished in a tie for second. Dowden had the satisfaction of drawing his last round match with the new champion to gain the half-point necessary for his final tie with Moyse in the runner-up spot.

Chess has had a busy month at Louisville, for the championship tournament was interrupted by the invasion of a strong team from Cincinnati. Last year Cincinnati scored a victory, but in this meeting Louisville won decisively by the score of 9½-5½ to prove that the quality of chess in Louisville has improved over the months.

SURACI WINS ADDED PRELIM.

In the additional preliminary tourney to qualify one more player for the U. S. Championship Tournament from the New England area, Anthony Suraci placed first in the meeting held at New Haven, Conn., under the direction of Edmund E. Hand, President of the Connecticut Chess League.

HOLMES CAPTURES SO. DAKOTA TITLE

South Dakota Championship		
Bryant Holmes (Sioux Falls)	5-1	14.00
M. F. Anderson (Rapid City)	4½-1½	12.25
O. H. Ellison (Rapid City)	3½-2½	10.75
Ray A. Otis (Aberdeen)	3½-2½	9.25
D. H. L. Saylor (Huron)	3½-2½	7.75
L. St. Pe (Huron)	3-3	5.00
F. F. Robinson (Huron)	2½-3½	5.75
August W. Abel (Huron)	2-3	5.00
A. N. Anderberg (Huron)	2-3	3.00
E. J. Scott (Timber Lake)	1½-5½	1.75

Bryant W. Holmes (Sioux Falls) replaced M. F. Anderson (Rapid City) as the South Dakota State Champion at the annual tournament held at Huron (So. Dak.) May 29-31. In a six round Swiss, Holmes scored 5-1, losing to O. H. Ellison who last year scored the only win against Anderson.

At the business meeting, E. J. Scott was elected president of the South Dakota Chess Association, Ray A. Otis and Chambers Kellar (Lead) vice-presidents, M. F. Anderson secretary-treasurer, and Dr. H. L. Saylor, B. W. Holmes and R. B. Denu (Sturgis) directors.

LOG CABIN TRIES TELEPHONE MATCH

In an ambitious interstate long distance telephone match, the Log Cabin Chess Club (West Orange, N.J.) squared off against the Boylston Chess Club (Boston, Mass.) in a session that lasted for six hours and twenty minutes, but saw only two games completed—a win for each club. The remaining six games will be adjudicated by A. E. Santasiere.

Log Cabin Chess		Boylston Chess	
J. Fancher	adj	M. Kagan	adj
F. Howard	1	H. Lyman	0
E. S. Jackson, Jr.	adj	G. Katz	adj
A. Boezar	adj	D. Myers	adj
T. Knorr	adj	Daily	adj
J. Purvis	0	J. Lewis	1
J. Neidick	adj	J. Chinglin	adj
C. Parmelee	adj	Pitzman	adj
Log Cabin	1	Boylston	1

Hermann Helms acted as referee at the Log Cabin Club and Reid Harris, a Log Cabin member now residing in Haverhill, Mass., served at the Boylston Club. The match was promoted by E. Forry Laucks, president of the Log Cabin Chess Club, who last year made chess history by flying the Log Cabin team to Deep River, Conn. for a match with the Deep River Chess Club.

MAJOR HOLT HEADS CCLA DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa, Secretary of the Correspondence Chess League of America, reports that one of the outstanding figures of the South in chess, Major J. B. Holt, Long Beach, Florida, will head the new CCLA drive for members.

The popular Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Chess Association and long time active organizer of chess throughout the South, plans to utilize the quota system with Chairman for each of the forty-eight states and sub-chairman under them for various cities and suburban areas, each with quotas to fill based upon the present membership in each location.

Sunday, June 20, 1948

For The Tournament-Minded

June 27-July 4

Michigan State Championship Battle Creek, Michigan

Open to all champions of a member club in the Michigan State Association. Round robin meet, begins 3:00 p. m. June 27th at Civic Recreation Bldg. in Battle Creek; for details write Reuben Buckager, 732 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

July 1

Correspondence Chess CCLA Special Tournament

Open to CCLA members (Dues \$3.50 include subscription to Chess Correspondent); entry fee \$5.00; one round, nine players to section; send entries to Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa.

July 1-4

27th Southern Chess Ass'n Open Tournament Augusta, Georgia

Open to all chess players; held at Partridge Inn, beginning 10 a.m.; Entry fee \$3.00; write Paul L. Cromelin, 1755 Kings Wood Drive, Augusta, Ga. Seven round Swiss.

July 1

Correspondence Chess Correspondence Chess League of Pacific Coast

Semi-Annual Tournament
Begins July 1st; entry fee .50c per section; four players to section, playing two games with each opponent; prize to each section winner; write: John E. Orr, Box 241, Georgetown, Calif.

July 3-5

Louisiana State Championship Shreveport, Louisiana

Open to Louisiana players; held at Washington-Youree Hotel, Shreveport; for details write Newton Grant, Box 5920-A, University Station, Baton Rouge, La.

July 5-17

U. S. Open Championship Tournament

Baltimore, Maryland
Will be played at Hotel Lord Baltimore; open to all chess players; entry fee \$10.00 to USCF members (non-members may enter by including \$1.00 membership dues with entry fee.); write: Ira Lovett, 327 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. for reservations

July 19-24

U. S. Junior Championship Tournament

Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Will be played at Ridge Hall in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Open to all American citizens who have not yet attained their 21st birthday. Entry fee \$5.00. Mail entry with fee to William H. Rankins, 113 West Pasadena Road, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Since passes must be issued for entering Oak Ridge, entries must be made in advance.

JOACHIM WINS SEATTLE TOURNNEY

Successfully defending his Seattle title, Charles Joachim won the Seattle City Championship in a four-round Swiss by the score of 4-0, defeating Davidsen, Forray, Corbett and Metzger. T. Davidsen, F. Forray and R. C. Allen tied for second with 3-1 each, but Davidsen was awarded second place under the Sonneborn-Berger score. The tournament was directed by Clarence Bushnell.

Seattle City Championship			
Round 1-4			
Player	W12	W3	Score
Joachim	W12	W3	4-0
Davidsen	W11	W4	3-1
Forray	W14	L1	3-1
Allen	W15	L2	3-1
Weissenborn	D10	L6	2-1
Bollman	L7	W5	2-2
Finugan	W6	L10	2-2
Corbett	W9	L11	2-2
Rever	L8	W11	2-2
Anidon	D5	W7	1-1
Hebert	L2	L9	1-3
Metzger	L1	W15	1-3
Melmsis	L3	W12	1-3
Brewster	L4	D15	1-3
Wallcock	L14	D14	1-3

GUTTMAN WINS MINN. JUNIOR

In a 6 round Swiss Isaiah Guttman emerged as Minnesota State Junior Champion with a perfect score of 6-0. M. Otteson was second and Don McElroy was third in a field of eleven contestants.

Minnesota Junior Championship

Player	Score
Isaiah Guttman	6-0
M. Otteson	4-1
Don McElroy	3-2
B. Kronstad	3-2
Jerry Lee	2-3
K. Ellingson	3-3
Roman Dicare	3-3
Q. Torgeson	3-2
Ruben Calva	2-3
Jatme Calva	2-4
Bob Chizum	2-4

MARCHAND WINS ROCHESTER TITLE

For the fifth year in a row, Erich W. Marchand of Mathematics Department of the University of Rochester has won the Rochester (N.Y.) City Championship. Marchand, CHESS LIFE games editor and president of the Correspondence Chess League of America, is the former St. Louis District Champion before he transferred his chess and teaching activities to New York State. Second was Dr. Max Herzberger, CHESS LIFE annotator, in the final six-man round-robin of the survivors of preliminary play.

Not content with its city tournament, the Rochester Chess and Checker Club had an exhibition by the chess-checker expert, Newell Banks, and is playing under CCLA auspices a correspondence match with the Queen's (N.Y.) Chess Club.

IT'S WALBRECHT AT JERSEY CITY

William Walbrecht has succeeded in capturing the championship of the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club in a hotly contested tournament. In a recent annual meeting William J. Cooper was elected president of the club, Philip Page vice-president, William Walbrecht team captain, and Paul Helbig secretary-treasurer.

MECHANICS BESTS CENTRAL CALIF.

Once again the Mechanics Institute Chess Club of San Francisco proved to be stronger than a combined Central California chess team with players drawn from Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton, Modesto and other Central California chess clubs. With one game left for adjudication, Mechanics Institute had the comfortable lead of 15-5.

Player	Score	Player	Score
McCain	15	Preo	0
Capps	1	Gee	0
Fink	1	Hurt	0
Bagby	1	Jackson, M. C.	0
Fawcett	1	Daugherty	0
Ralston	1	Meyer	0
Pruner	0	Abraham	1
Clark	0	Hendricks	1
Willson	0	Malig	0
McClain	1	Dana	0
Jonas	1	Rasmussen	1
Hultgren	1	Mueller	0
Donnelly	1	Austin	1
Byron	1	Russ	0
Beane	1	Bekker	0
Svalberg	1	Jackson, F. B.	1
Rafaliken	0	Bird	1
Frey	1	Smith, C. J.	0
Leeds	1	Poulson	1
Barringer	0	Berry	0
Forrest	1	Jacoby	0
Smith, W. H.	1	Jacoby	0
Mechanics	15	Central Calif	5

DETROIT LEAGUE IN FULL SWING

The Detroit Metropolitan Chess League is in full swing with eight teams contesting for the League honors. Play is held at the American Chess and Checker Foundation quarters in the G.A.R. Bldg. in Detroit with executive secretary Glen W. Palon serving as director for the League.

Team	Matches	Games
Steinitz	0-0	6-2
Pillsbury	1-0	23-23
Fenimore	1-1	43-43
Lasker	1-1	8-4
Marshall	1-1	5-5
Dearborn	0-1	1-4
Alkhine	0-1	23-23
Capablanca	0-1	3-4

CLEVELAND TAKES AKRON IN MATCH

In one of their regular chess feists of 36 boards the combined Cleveland Chess Clubs bested a team from the Goodrich, Goodyear and Firestone Chess Clubs of Akron by 38-30. The decisive points were scored in the A Division, as B Division match ended in a tie and Akron lost the C Division by only one point.

A Division			
Player	Score	Player	Score
T. Ellison	1	P. Selz	1
Patrick	1	L. Swick	1
Sumlo	2	E. Sattler	0
Leysons	1	Dr. Lucas	1
Chavayda	1	Dr. Beach	1
Wyman	2	A. Phuedemann	0
Granger	2	B. Harrington	3
Harkins	2	E. Young	0
Bilecki	2	E. Cerny	0
Robbety	0	W. Heacock	1
Cleveland	11	Akron	4

B Division			
Player	Score	Player	Score
Haban-Johnson	1-1	H. Tucker	0-0
Michels-Phillips	1-1	J. Ehrlich	0-0
Martens-Michels	1-1	H. Schlichte	0-0
Coman-Kenny	1-1	Cardinal	0-0
Cerney-Goodman	0-1	S. Skinner	1-0
Latnic-Lapsley	0-0	R. G. Allen	1-1
Van Sickle-Tochin	0-0	Prof. Roberts	1-1
Leurs-Stevens	0-0	Dr. Smith	1-1
Bakies-Peters	0-0	M. Antunovich	1-1
Latnic-Halperin	0-0	A. Keller	1-1
Downs-Berry	1-1	A. R. Craig	0-0
Wiese-Dr. Martin	1-1	P. K.	0-0
Skibe-Kelley	1-1	T. McClancy	1-1
Benjamin-Gaber	1-1	D. Poole	1-1
Eisele-Fingert	0-0	D. Hockenberry	1-1
Cleveland	15	Akron	15

C Division			
Player	Score	Player	Score
Edwards-Roth	1-1	W. Zimmerman	3-0
Somrath-Proberg	0-1	Latham	1-0
Huber-Horn	1-0	R. Mackey	0-1
Banc-Holich	1-1	J. Vukan	0-0
Mr. Swartz-Mrs.	1-1	P. Hunsicker	0-0
Bence	0-2	W. D. Fox	0
Dunwo	0	R. Shellen	0
Mrs. Bates	0	J. Drid	2
Moning	2	Soos	2
Buckman	0	E. Snyder	2
Fontell	0	R. W. Blosser	2
Cleveland	11	Akron	10

HURT RETAINS CHARLESTON TITLE

John Hurt, Jr. retained the championship of Charleston (W. Va.) in a close finish by the score of 31-11, with Reid Holt the runner-up with 74-23. Hurt lost one game to Hartling and drew with DuVall. In the Consolation tournament Jesse Church placed first with 31-11 in the A Division, while Stan Miskura won the B Division 31-11.

Charleston City Championship			
Player	Score	Player	Score
John Hurt, Jr.	31-11	Frank Branner	4-6
Reid Holt	74-23	L. Cavendish	4-6
Al DuVall	7-3	Ray Martin	3-7
Edward Foy	63-73	Wm. Truflow	22-72
W. Hartling	61-52	T. A. Snyder	5-40
Edwin Faust	5-5		

Consolation Tournament

A Division			
Player	Score	Player	Score
Jesse Church	31-11	Stan Miskura	31-11
Hugh Allison	3-1	Mrs. Cavendish	3-2
A. Gilliland	13-23	Don Robinson	3-2
Dan Lower	1-2	Herb Herring	2-3
A. Schoenfeld	1-3	Bob Luppold	2-3
		Jack Hemig	11-31

BATTLE CREEK HAS STATE MEET

Planning a gala event to mark the annual Michigan State Championship Tournament at Battle Creek on June 27-July 4, the Battle Creek Chess Club will serve as hosts. The event will be held in the Civic Recreation Bldg. in Irving Park.

A full committee is working on the plans with Albert Welsh as chairman and J. D. Worsham as assistant chairman. Housing is in the hands of Lee Mallison, assisted by A. H. Emmens; Finance by Carl Hjerpe, assisted by Frank Moore and William J. Philip; Refreshments by Ivan Walker, assisted by H. C. Doran; Reception by Howard Rider, assisted by Roy V. Ashley; Tournament by Victor Wiegand, assisted by J. T. Christiansen and Everett Cowan; Recreation by William J. Philip, assisted by Robert Hyde.

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TACOMA CLINCHES PUGET TITLE

By a rousing 10-0 victory over Seattle YMCA the Tacoma Chess Club clinched first place in the Puget Sound Chess League. In the same round of play the University of Washington assured themselves of second place by besting Olympia Chess Club 7-2-2. Third place is tied between Everett Chess and Kitsap with the decision yet to be made. Everett gained the tie by beating Queen Anne Chess Club 6-4 while Kitsap had a bye.

Puget Sound League Standings			
Teams	Matches	Teams	Matches
Tacoma	10-0	Seattle	3-4
University	5-1	Skagit	2-5
Kitsap	4-3	Queen Anne	13-5
Everett	4-3	YMCA	1-6
Olympia	3-3		

TACOMA, WASH.

Tacoma Chess			
Player	Score	Player	Score
Crain	2	Rich	0
Holmes	2	Albin	0
Guthrie	2	Rubenstein	0
Hewitt	2	Covell	0
Collins	2	Bolotin	0
Tacoma	10	YMCA	0

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University			
Player	Score	Player	Score
Bolman	2	Ayer	0
Machin	1	Harmeson	1
Schulz	1	Cerrelli	1
Balfantime	2	Seely	0
Nippell	1	Bell	1
University	7	Olympia	2

EVERETT, WASH.

Everett Chess			
Player	Score	Player	Score
Taro	1	Bever	1
Nana	2	Harmeson	1
Forrest	0	Lenke	0
Husby	1	Brewster	1
Dahlquist	2	Raleigh	0
Everett	6	Queen Anne	4

ACRIVOS, PANOFF HAD BEST GAMES

By the decision of judge Harold M. Phillips of New York City, the awards for the two best played games in the 1947 Individual Intercollegiate Championship Tournament went to A. Acrivos (Syracuse) for his victory over Franklin Howard (Newark), and to A. Panoff (Pennsylvania) for his victory against A. Wojniolower (Columbia). CHESS LIFE published the Acrivos-Howard game in the issue of March 20, 1948, and the Panoff-Wojniolower game in the issue of June 5, 1948.

Who's Who

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during an attack of flu to teach him chess against his will.

From 1914 to 1919 Bernard was back in serving in the army with his four brothers; and it was not until after the war that he real participation in chess dates. Then he made up for lost time, and in



Bernard Freedman

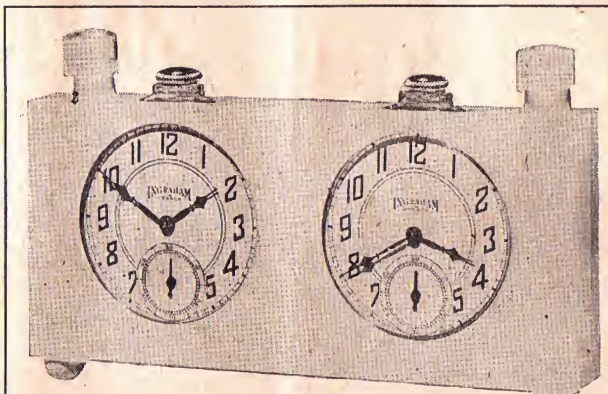
1932 with the late H. A. Seymour organized the Canadian Chess Federation of Canada, serving for eight years as its treasurer and secretary.

In 1935 Bernard formed the Queen City Chess and Bridge Club, of which he is still president, which was one of the first Canadian clubs to feature duplicate bridge tournaments. And in 1934 Freedman on a visit to Chicago assisted Malcolm Sim in the directing of the U. S. Open Tournament at the Lawson YMCA.

Bernard Freedman is the official Canadian Representative of the CCF on all international matters, and is in addition secretary of the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the Reserve Army as a Sergeant in Artillery. By profession a wholesale diamond merchant, Freedman attends to many chess affairs during business hours and in addition gives a helping hand to Canadian veterans as President and Adjusting Officer of the Canadian Pensioners' Association, Toronto Branch.

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Looking Backward

WHEN I was in my early teens, Wm. H. Lyons, a world famous dealer in chess supplies, and my father, Dr. E. W. Keeney, were bosom friends, boon companions and rabid chess enthusiasts. Both were problem composers, problem solvers and editors of chess columns. And both were better than average players!

Their mutual love and understanding of the game led them to teach the mysteries of Caissa to a number of their friends, eventually leading to the formation of a chess club in Newport, Ky., of 18 to 20 members. The organization was known as The Newport Social Chess Club.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

The members met twice a week at the homes of the individual members in allotted turn. It was on the occasion when they met at my father's house I acquired my first chess knowledge.

Passing through the play room time after time, I became fascinated by the queer figures on the boards and the quietness and intentness of the men who moved the odd looking figures.

I paused to watch, not knowing anything about what it was all about, and not asking any questions. None of the players, including my father, seemed aware of my presence.

Following my first visit to the chess room, I never missed spending 15-20 minutes watching the players, whenever they held their meeting at my father's home. I was intensely interested and keenly observant and I was absorbing, without realizing it, a beginner's knowledge of the game.

Finally one day as I stood watching a game between Mr. Lyons and one of the other club members, Mr. Lyons moved Kt-B3 and I blurted out in excited impetuosity: "I knew you would do that!"

Mr. Lyons raised his eyes and gazed at me in startled surprise, ejaculating: "You don't say! What do you know about chess?"

"I can play," I proudly answered. Mr. Lyons called to my father: "What do you know about this? Your son says he can play chess. Have you been teaching him on the q. t.?"

The surprise of my father and Mr. Lyons was indescribable when I proceeded to set up the men and demonstrated the moves of the individual pieces, also explaining what was meant by "check" and "mate."

Following my revelation of my knowledge of chess, my father, with justifiable paternal pride, took me in hand and began schooling me in the (then) best moves of the various openings and permitted me to play with the members of the club.

Inside of four weeks I was able to defeat all the club members with the exception of Mr. Lyons and my father.

Such was the inception of my interest in and fascination for the Royal Game which has not abated with the passing of the years.

My father later showed me how to solve and compose problems and I later developed a love for the "poetry of chess" which has increased with the "march of time."

And now for some humorous reminiscences about The Newport Social Chess Club.

One day one of the players was three pieces down and apparently doomed to ignominious defeat. Onlookers looked for him to resign on his turn to move. Instead, however, he raised his Queen, gave a fiendish chuckle and placed it with a thunderous bang on a square adjacent to his opponent's King and in a blatant voice announced: "Check-mate!"

His opponent, startled and stunned, with very red face, stared at and studied the position for a couple of minutes, and then shoving the pieces together said: "By jove, so it is! I completely overlooked it. Let's start another game!"

Then I whispered to my Dad: "That wasn't a mate, the King could have taken the Queen as there was no piece supporting her!"

My father smiled, put a warning finger on my lips and said: "No kibitzing, please!"

The foregoing might be said to be another method of retrieving a lost game! Try it sometime.

As I previously mentioned, my father conducted a chess column and being possessed of a vivid imagination often published the doings of the Newport Social Chess Club. They were not the actual activities of the club but the fictional doings as my father created them.

The club included among its members doctors, lawyers, dentists, printers, college professors, public officials, shoemakers, watchmakers, painters and a retired Army Sergeant!

According to my father's "fairy tale" relation of the doings of the club, the club members not only played chess but at their meetings discussed national problems of importance, sport events, literary subjects, poetry, etc. The club poet, my father proclaimed to be a Prof. Gilley. He actually was a college professor who wrote classical poetry.

The following is a partial account, as I recall it, of a night of the club devoted to poetry:

Prof. Gilley announced he had an original poem he would like to read if there were no objections. There were none so Prof. Gilley recited:

A wasp was filing its business end
One day in the early spring
On a bough that did sway and bend
As the zephyrs made it swing.
A female cat sat higher up
On that very selfsame tree—
Safe refuge from an angry pup—
And wailed "where, oh where is my Tom-my?"

The next two or three verses I cannot recall but they recounted how the "business end" of the wasp eventually penetrated the cat's hide. After that incident, Prof. Gilley's recital continued:

Down from the tree the poor cat fell,
Shrieking with fear and pain,
Got up and yowled like h—ll,
Fled, and never was seen again!"

A moment of silence followed and then one of the facetious members said: "Very good, professor, but you omit to relate what became of the wasp."

The Professor's face reddened and sheepishly he replied: "So I did, gentlemen. Kindly pardon me a minute and I'll attempt to rectify the error."

Chess For The Tired Business Man

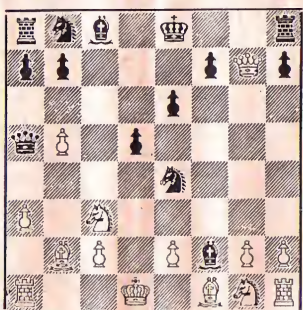
By Fred Reinfeld

Mr. Livingston, I Presume?

THE urge to play irregular openings, with their avoidance of the familiar and the banal, is one which every explorer would readily recognize. But the leap into uncharted regions has its dangers as well as its attractions. As early as the 8th move, Fleissig must have wished that he had remained in the safe haven of the Giuoco Piano or Ruy Lopez.

ORANGOUTANG OPENING Vienna, 1895

White: FLEISSIG
1. P-QK4
2. B-K12
3. P-QR3
4. P-K15
Black: SCHLECHTER
P-K3
Kt-KB3
P-B4
P-Q4
Black has proceeded with sound development, while his opponent has dedicated himself to mere eccentricity. The following move, however, is a direct mistake.
5. P-Q4?
In order to guard the exposed QKtP, Fleissig must subject himself to a disastrous pin.
6. Kt-B3
7. Q-Q3
8. QxP
9. QxKtP
10. K-Q1
Kt-K5
PxB
B-B4
BxPch
Pch



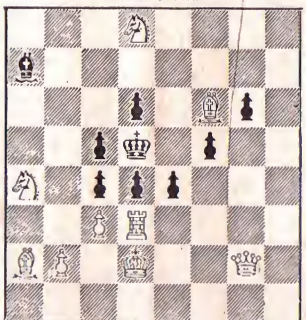
10. P-Q5!
Beginning one of the grand combinations of chess history. White's Knight cannot move (11. Kt-Kt7, Q-K8 mate). Hence he solaces his

Two minutes later the Professor climaxed his poetical gem with:

The cat was killed by the terrible fall,
It never recovered its breath;
While the wasp was so highly pleased,
It laughed itself to death!

Looking backward, I would regard the incident "a tickling catastrophe."

Problem No. 31
By Dr. P. G. Keeney
Newport, Ky.
Original
Black: 9 men

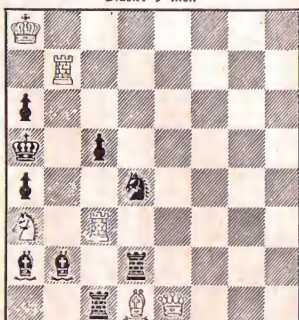


White: 9 men
SS4, B7, Sp1Bp1, 2p1p2,
Slpp8, 2P14, B1K2Q, 8
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 31 is the crude creation by CHESS LIFE'S Problem Editor which led to the Task Composing Competition which ended June 10th. Realizing the problem's short comings, your P. E. in an endeavor to stimulate interest in the theme, offered a prize of a free year's subscription to CHESS LIFE for the best version, submitted. Problem No. 31 illustrates the task in an incomplete block setting with a waiting key.

Problem No. 32 is an excellent example of four-way play by that splendid problem builder, Vincent L. Eaton of Washington, D. C.

Problem No. 32
By Vincent Lanus Eaton
Washington, D. C.
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 9 men



White: 6 men
K7, 1R6, p7, k1p5, p24,
SlR5, b1b14, 2R1Q3
White mates in two moves

Solutions:

The keymove to Problem No. 27 is 1. Q-KS with threat of 2. QxR. As previously commented the final aim is for a parallelism of play and the method of suppression of the dual must once again be the same in each variation. Thus after 1. Kt-K4 and 1. Kt-K4, both Kts could mate at K4 were it not that each of the Kts is pinned in turn so that following 1. Kt-K4 the mate is 2. Kt(B5)-K4 and after 1. Kt-K4 the mate is 2. Kt(B3)-K4 with parallelism of play at every point.

The keymove to Problem No. 28 is 1. Kt-K6 with two initial threats: 2. Kt-B5 and 2. Kt-K8. There are two pairs of defenses: 1. Q-Q4 and 1. R-B5, which lead to arrival threat mates, and 1. Q-Q4 and 1. Q-B5 leading to removal threat mates. All four of these defenses are Barulin defenses. The symmetry of the mechanism is perfect throughout.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 27 and 28 are acknowledged received from T. Lundberg (Dallas, Tex.), James Bolton (New Haven, Conn.), Dr. Erman (Detroit, Mich.), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.), Jack Spence (Omaha, Neb.), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids, Mich.), and N. Gabor and H. Groendyke (Cincinnati, O.). Malcolm D. Brown correctly solved Problem No. 28.

Awards in the CHESS LIFE Composing Tourney will be published in an early issue, together with diagrams of the winning and honored problems and the comments of the Tourney Judges.

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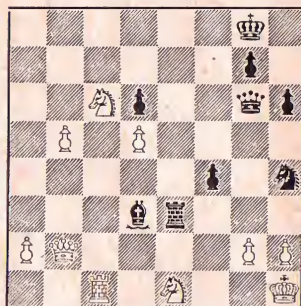
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Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

Position No. 5



6k1, 6p1, 2Sp2p, 1P1P4, 5p1s,
3R4, P4KtP, 2R1K2
Black to move.

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 5 to the Editor, Chess Life, by July 5th, 1948.

Solution to Position No. 3.

The best move is 1. QxKt! with the main line as follows: 1. R-PxQ; 2. Kt-KtP, P-Kt; 3. BxP ch, K-B1; 4. B-R8 mate. The position occurred in a game played at Antwerp, 1901. White: M. A. Fox; Black: N. N. and for the collector, here is the full game:—1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. B-K15, Kt-B3; 4. O-O, R-K1, Kt-Q3; 5. Kt-K3, B-K2; 6. B-B1, Q-O; 7. P-Q4, Kt-B4; 8. P-Q13, P-Q4; 9. Q-Q8, R-R1; 10. P-KB4, Kt-Q8; 11. R-K3, Kt-R4; 12. Kt-Q2, Kt-B4; 13. R-KR3, Kt-R5? (Too many Kt moves.); 14. P-KR4, Kt-K3; 15. R-K5, Kt-QB3; 16. Kt-QB3, P-Kt, etc. as above.

Correct solutions were received from: Jack Spence (Omaha), Geo. Dunn (Philadelphia), Dr. Louis A. Miller (Toledo), Malcolm D. Brown (Weymouth, Pa.), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.), J. L. Ephrus (Kennebunk, Me.), Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit), Pat Palazzo (Lorain, O.), Vincent G. Surague (Cleveland), and Frank A. Neal (San Francisco). Congratulations!

Briefs:

As the president of the Istambul (Turkey) Chess Club writes, Chess is on the move in Turkey and chess clubs are being formed all over the country. The largest club has 150 members. A national federation is contemplated and it looks like a new member of the F.I.D.E. . . . The Cuban government gave \$30,000 (yes, thirty thousand dollars) to buy a "Capablanca-Home" for a national chess club . . . and in Roumania, the publisher of the Revista de Sah has been elected President of the Senate . . . It certainly looks good in some countries for chess players! . . . Just imagine Washington voting for chess . . .

Hector Rosetto won the championship of the Argentine . . . not quite . . . only "Half-Champion" as Argentina possesses two federations! . . . Czechoslovakia is planning a labor-Olympiad Chess Tournament for September. Teams of five players from all the East-European countries are invited. Russia will be represented by Flohr, Lilienthal, etc. . . . but can that rightly be called an Olympiad? . . . We always thought that the longest game in a tournament had been played between Duras and Janowsky from the San Sebastian event, it took 161 moves . . . Oskosh Begosh . . . now I learn that in April, 1945, in the Baku, Russia tournament, the game between Makagonov and Chekhov lasted 171 moves! . . . Good thing I do not have to check over the game . . .

Jelizaveta Bykova won the Soviet Woman's Championship . . . there were only 1000 (!) participants . . . Lydia Timofeeva won the Women's Championship of Yugoslavia . . . (My wife still cooks for me.) . . . and here is a game from the 1947 Italian Championship: White: A. Gabinara; Black: Napolitano. Nimzoindian Defense.

1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. Kt-QB3, B-K15; 4. P-K3, P-QK13; 5. Kt-B3, B-Kt2; 6. B-K3, Kt-K5; 7. Q-B2, P-KB4; 8. P-QR3, BxKt ch; 9. PxB, O-O; 10. P-QR4, P-Q3; 11. (Continued on Page 6, col. 5)

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For The Tournament-Minded

June 27-July 4

Michigan State Championship Battle Creek, Michigan

Open to all champions of a member club in the Michigan State Association. Round robin meet, begins 3:00 p. m. June 27th at Civic Recreation Bldg. in Battle Creek; for details write Reuben Buckager, 732 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

July 1

Correspondence Chess CCLA Special Tournament

Open to CCLA members (Dues \$3.50 include subscription to Chess Correspondent); entry fee \$5.00; one round, nine players to section; send entries to Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa.

July 1-4

27th Southern Chess Ass'n Open Tournament Augusta, Georgia

Open to all chess players; held at Partridge Inn, beginning 10 a. m.; Entry fee \$3.00; write Paul L. Cromelin, 1755 Kings Wood Drive, Augusta, Ga. Seven round Swiss.

July 1

Correspondence Chess Correspondence Chess League of Pacific Coast

Semi-Annual Tournament
Begins July 1st; entry fee .50c per section; four players to section, playing two games with each opponent; prize to each section winner; write: John E. Orr, Box 241, Georgetown, Calif.

July 3-5

Louisiana State Championship Shreveport, Louisiana

Open to Louisiana players; held at Washington-Youree Hotel, Shreveport; for details write Newton Grant, Box 5920-A, University Station, Baton Rouge, La.

July 5-17

U. S. Open Championship Tournament

Baltimore, Maryland
Will be played at Hotel Lord Baltimore; open to all chess players; entry fee \$10.00 to USCF members (non-members may enter by including \$1.00 membership dues with entry fee.); write: Ira Lovett, 327 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. for reservations

July 19-24

U. S. Junior Championship Tournament

Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Will be played at Ridge Hall in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Open to all American citizens who have not yet attained their 21st birthday. Entry fee \$5.00. Mail entry with fee to William H. Rankins, 113 West Pasadena Road, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Since passes must be issued for entering Oak Ridge, entries must be made in advance.

JOACHIM WINS SEATTLE TOURNEY

Successfully defending his Seattle title, Charles Joachim won the Seattle City Championship in a four-round Swiss by the score of 4-0, defeating Davidsen, Forray, Corbett and Metzger. T. Davidsen, F. Forray and R. C. Allen tied for second with 3-1 each, but Davidsen was awarded second place under the Sonneborn-Berger score. The tournament was directed by Clarence Bushnell.

Seattle City Championship				
Player	Round 1-4	Score		
Joachim	W12 W3 W8 W9	4-0		
Davidsen	W11 W4 W10 L1	3-1		
Forray	W14 L1 W7 W3	3-1		
Allen	W12 W10 W16	3-1		
Weissenborn	D10 L6 W14 W11	2-1		
Bollman	L7 W5 W9 L4	2-2		
Finnegan	W6 L10 L3 W12	2-2		
Corbett	W9 W18 L1 L5	2-2		
Bever	L5 W11 L6 W10	2-2		
Amidon	D5 W7 L2 L8	1-3		
Hebert	L2 L9 W15 L5	1-3		
Metzger	L10 L4 L7	1-3		
Melms	Dye L8 L5	1-3		
Brewster	L3 D15 L15 Out	1-3		
Wallock	L4 D14 L11 Out	1-3		

GUTTMAN WINS MINN. JUNIOR

In a 6 round Swiss Isaiah Guttman emerged as Minnesota State Junior Champion with a perfect score of 6-0. M. Otteson was second and Don McElroy was third in a field of eleven contestants.

Minnesota Junior Championship		
Isaiah Guttman	6-0	12.00
M. Otteson	5-1	14.50
Don McElroy	3-2	10.75
B. Kronstadt	3-2	9.75
Jerry Lee	2-3	7.25
K. Zingone	3-3	8.00
Roman Dierke	2-3	6.00
T. Torgeson	3-2	4.00
Ruben Calva	2-3	3.00
Jaime Calva	2-4	2.00
Bob Chizmi	2-4	2.00

MARCHAND WINS ROCHESTER TITLE

For the fifth year in a row, Erich W. Marchand of Mathematics Department of the University of Rochester has won the Rochester (N.Y.) City Championship. Marchand, CHESS LIFE games editor and president of the Correspondence Chess League of America, is the former St. Louis District Champion before he transferred his chess and teaching activities to New York State. Second was Dr. Max Herzberger, CHESS LIFE annotator, in the final six-man round-robin of the survivors of preliminary play.

Not content with its city tournament, the Rochester Chess and Checker Club had an exhibition by the chess-checker expert, Newell Banks, and is playing under CCLA auspices a correspondence match with the Queen's (N.Y.) Chess Club.

IT'S WALBRECHT AT JERSEY CITY

William Walbrecht has succeeded in capturing the championship of the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club in a hotly contested tournament. In a recent annual meeting William J. Cooper was elected president of the club, Philip Page vice-president, William Walbrecht team captain, and Paul Helbig secretary-treasurer.

MECHANICS BESTS CENTRAL CALIF.

Once again the Mechanics Institute Chess Club of San Francisco proved to be stronger than a combined Central California chess team with players drawn from Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton, Modesto and other Central California chess clubs. With one game left for adjudication, Mechanics Institute had the comfortable lead of 15-5.

Mechanics Institute		Central California	
Capps	1	Pro	0
Fink	1	Gee	0
Bagby	1	Hurt	0
Fawcett	1	Jackson, M. C.	0
Ralston	1	Langherty	0
Prater	0	Meyer	0
Clarke	3	Abraham	3
Willson	adj	Hendricks	adj
McClain	1	Malig	0
Jones	1	Dana	0
Hultgren	1	Rasmussen	1
Donnelly	1	Mueller	0
Byron	3	Austin	0
Boone	1	Russ	0
Szalberg	1	Reiter	0
Radaiken	0	Jackson, F. B.	1
Frey	1	Bird	0
Leeds	1	Smith, C. J.	0
Barringer	0	Poulson	0
Foray	1	Berry	0
Smith, W. H.	1	Jacoby	0
Mechanics	15	Central Calif	5

DETROIT LEAGUE IN FULL SWING

The Detroit Metropolitan Chess League is in full swing with eight teams contesting for the League honors. Play is held at the American Chess and Checker Foundation quarters in the G.A.R. Bldg. in Detroit with executive secretary Glen W. Palon serving as director for the League.

Detroit League Standings		
Team	Matches	Games
Staintz	0-0	0-2
Pillsbury	1-0	2-3
Ferndale	1-1	4-5
Lasker	1-1	8-4
Marshall	1-1	5-5
Dearborn	0-1	1-4
Alekine	0-1	2-3
Capablanca	0-1	3-4

CLEVELAND TAKES AKRON IN MATCH

In one of their regular chessfeists of 36 boards the combined Cleveland Chess Clubs bested a team from the Goodrich, Goodyear and Firestone Chess Clubs of Akron by 38-30. The decisive points were scored in the A Division, as B Division match ended in a tie and Akron lost the C Division by only one point.

A Division		Akron	
Cleveland	11	Akron	43
T. Ellison	3	P. Seitz	3
Patrick	1	L. Sweet	1
Somlo	2	R. Lucas	0
Leyens	1	Dr. Slater	1
Chavayda	1	Dr. Beach	2
Wyman	2	A. Plueddemann	0
Granger	3	B. Harrington	3
Harkins	2	R. Young	0
Rickel	2	R. G. Allen	0
Robbey	0	W. Hecock	1
Cleveland	11	Akron	43

B Division		Akron	
Cleveland	15	Akron	15
Haban-Johnson	1-1	H. Tucker	0-0
Michels-Phillips	1-1	J. Church	0-0
Martens-Michels	1-1	Il. Schlichte	0-0
Conan-Keeney	1-1	Cardha	0-0
Corney-Goodman	0-1	N. Skinner	1-1
Latic-Lapley	0-0	R. G. Allen	1-1
Van Sickle-Torbin	0-0	Prof. Roberts	1-1
Lents-Stevens	0-0	Dr. Smith	1-1
Bakies-Peters	0-0	M. Antunovich	1-1
Latic-Lapley	2-2	A. Keller	2-2
Downs-Berry	1-1	A. R. Craig	0-1
Wiese-Dr. Martin	1-1	P. Grik	0-0
Skihe-Kelley	1-1	T. McClancy	1-1
Benjamin-Gaber	1-1	D. Poole	1-1
Risale-Pingent	0-0	D. Luckenberry	1-1
Cleveland	15	Akron	15

C Division		Akron	
Cleveland	11	Akron	10
Edwards-Roth	3-1	W. Zimmerman	3-0
Somach-Froberg	3-1	L. Lian	1-0
Huber-Horn	1-0	R. Mackey	0-1
Banco-Bohich	1-1	J. Yukan	0-0
Mr. Swartz-Mrs. Swartz	1-1	P. Hunsicker	0-0
Bence	2	W. D. Fox	0
Duwe	0	R. Sheldin	2
Mrs. Bates	0	J. Dodd	2
Moning	2	Soos	0
Buckman	0	E. Snyder	0
Pontell	0	R. W. Blosser	1
Cleveland	11	Akron	10

HURT RETAINS CHARLESTON TITLE

John Hurt, Jr. retained the championship of Charleston (W. Va.) in a close finish by the score of 33-13, with Reid Holt the runner-up with 74-23. Hurt lost one game to Hartling and drew with DuVall. In the Consolation tournament Jesse Church placed first with 34-1 in the A Division, while Stan Miskura won the B Division 33-13.

Charleston City Championship		Consolation	
John Hurt, Jr.	33-13	Jesse Church	34-1
Reid Holt	74-23	Hugh Allison	3-1
Al DuVall	7-3	A. Gilliland	13-23
Edward Fox	67-73	Dan Lowder	1-3
W. Hartung	65-83	A. Schoenfeld	1-3
Edwin Faust	6-5		
Frank Bramer	4-6		
L. Cavendish	4-6		
Ray Martin	3-7		
Wm. Trudlow	23-73		
T. A. Snyder	3-9		
Stan Miskura	33-13		
Mrs. Cavendish	3-2		
Don Robinson	3-2		
Herb Herring	2-3		
Bob Lippold	2-3		
Jack Hennig	13-33		

BATTLE CREEK HAS STATE MEET

Planning a gala event to mark the annual Michigan State Championship Tournament at Battle Creek on June 27-July 4, the Battle Creek Chess Club will serve as hosts. The event will be held in the Civic Recreation Bldg. in Irving Park.

A full committee is working on the plans with Albert Welsh as chairman and J. D. Worsham as assistant chairman. Housing is in the hands of Lee Mallison, assisted by A. H. Emmens; Finance by Carl Hjerpe, assisted by Frank Moore and William J. Philip; Refreshments by Ivan Walker, assisted by H. C. Doran; Reception by Howard Rider, assisted by Roy V. Ashley; Tournament by Victor Wiegand, assisted by J. T. Christensen and Everett Cowan; Recreation by William J. Philip, assisted by Robert Hyde.

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TACOMA CLINCHES PUGET TITLE

By a rousing 10-0 victory over Seattle YMCA the Tacoma Chess Club clinched first place in the Puget Sound Chess League. In the same round of play the University of Washington assured themselves of second place by besting Olympia Chess Club 7-3. Third place is tied between Everett Chess and Kitsap with the decision yet to be made. Everett gained the tie by beating Queen Anne Chess Club 6-4 while Kitsap had a bye.

Puget Sound League Standings		Teams	
Teams	Matches	Teams	Matches
Tacoma	6-0	Seattle	3-4
University	5-1	Skagit	2-5
Kitsap	4-3	Queen Anne	1-6
Everett	4-3	YMCA	1-6
Olympia	3-3		

TACOMA, WASH.

Tacoma Chess		Seattle YMCA	
Crain	2	Rich	0
Holmes	2	Allen	0
Guthrie	2	Rubenstein	0
Hewitt	2	Cavell	0
Collins	2	Bolotin	0
Tacoma	10	YMCA	0

UNIV. OF WASH.

University		Olympia Chess	
Hollman	2	Ayer	0
Machlank	1	Harmeson	1
Schaim	13	Cerretti	3
Ballantine	2	Seely	0
Nippell	1	Bell	1
University	73	Olympia	23

EVERETT, WASH.

Everett Chess		Queen Anne Chess	
Taro	1	Bever	1
Naus	2	Roberts	0
Forfeit	0	Leake	2
Husby	1	Brewster	1
Dahlquist	2	Raleigh	0
Everett	6	Queen Anne	4

ACRIVOS, PANOFF HAD BEST GAMES

By the decision of judge Harold M. Phillips of New York City, the awards for the two best played games in the 1947 Individual Intercollegiate Championship Tournament went to A. Acrivos (Syracuse) for his victory over Franklin Howard (Newark), and to A. Panoff (Pennsylvania) for his victory against A. Wojniolow (Columbia). CHESS LIFE published the Acrivos-Howard game in the issue of March 20, 1948, and the Panoff-Wojniolow game in the issue of June 5, 1948.

Who's Who

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during an attack of flu to teach him chess against his will.

From 1914 to 1919 Bernard was back in serving in the army with his four brothers; and it was not until after the war that he real participation in chess dates. Then he made up for lost time, and in



Bernard Freedman

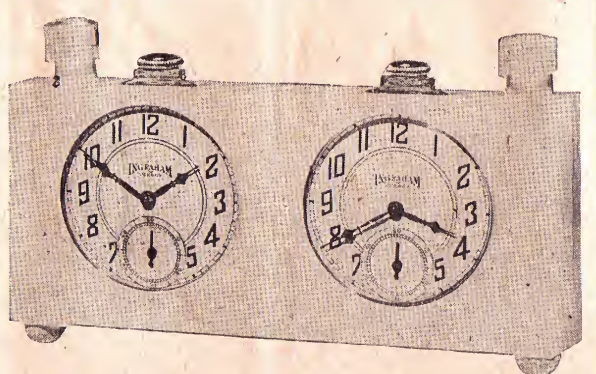
1932 with the late H. A. Seymour organized the Canadian Chess Federation of Canada, serving for eight years as its treasurer and secretary.

In 1935 Bernard formed the Queen City Chess and Bridge Club, of which he is still president, which was one of the first Canadian clubs to feature duplicate bridge tournaments. And in 1934 Freedman on a visit to Chicago assisted Malcolm Sim in the directing of the U. S. Open Tournament at the Lawson YMCA.

Bernard Freedman is the official Canadian Representative of the CCF on all international matters, and is in addition secretary of the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the Reserve Army as a Sergeant in Artillery. By profession a wholesale diamond merchant, Freedman attends to many chess affairs during business hours; and in addition gives a helping hand to Canadian veterans as President and Adjusting Officer of the Canadian Pensioners' Association, Toronto Branch.

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Botvinnik-Euwe wasn't much of a game. Botvinnik was interested in gaining the precious half-point which would give him the World Championship, and Euwe had no objection.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

World Championship, Round 22

White	Black
M. BOTVINNIK	DR. EUWE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
3. P-B4	P-K3
4. P-K3	P-K3
5. Kt-B3	P-B3
6. B-K2	P-KK3
7. B-K15	B-K12
8. P-K3	B-B4
	Drawn

In one of those transposed openings which are so characteristic of modern chess, Keres-Smyslov started with an English Opening but turned into a Gruenfeld Defense at the tenth move. Keres had pressure all the way, but Smyslov defended with characteristic care and the game ended in a draw.

ENGLISH OPENING

World Championship, Round 22

White	Black
P. KERES	V. SMYSLOV
1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
3. P-K3	P-K3
4. P-K4	Kt-K1
5. Kt-PxK1	P-KK3
6. B-R3	B-K12
7. Kt-B3	Kt-Q2
8. B-K2	P-QB4
9. O-O	O-O
10. P-Q4	P-K3
11. P-K3	Kt-KB3
12. Kt-B3	P-K3
13. QR-Q1	B-Q2
14. R-B1	B-R5
15. O-K4	P-K3
16. B-K5	Kt-K4
17. Q-B3	R-K1
18. KR-Q1	R-B1
19. B-B5	O-B2
20. R-K1	O-B3
21. BxK1	P-B8
	Drawn

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

World Championship, Round 23

White	Black
V. SMYSLOV	M. BOTVINNIK
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3
3. P-K3	B-K15
4. B-K15	P-K3
5. Kt-Q2	Kt-Q2
6. O-O	Kt-KB3
7. P-K2	B-R4
8. P-QK3	P-B4
	Drawn

NIMZOWITZ DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 23

White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	P. KERES
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-KB3	B-K15
4. B-K2	O-O
5. P-QR3	B-K1
6. Q-B3	P-QK3
7. B-K15	P-K12
8. Kt-Q3	P-Q3
9. P-K3	Q-K12
10. Q-B2	Q-K1
11. Kt-Q2	P-B4
12. P-Q2	Kt-P4
13. P-QK4	P-K4
14. P-K3	P-K3
	Drawn

Reshevsky tried very hard to win, despite Botvinnik's olive branch in the form of a Four Knights' Game. This unjustified aggression was brutally punished by Botvinnik.

FOUR KNIGHTS' GAME

World Championship, Round 24

White	Black
M. BOTVINNIK	S. RESHEVSKY
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
3. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
4. B-K15	B-K15
5. O-O	O-O
6. P-Q3	B-K1
7. P-B3	P-Q3
8. B-K15	Q-K2
9. Kt-K1	Kt-Q1
10. P-Q4	Kt-K3
11. B-QB1	R-Q1
12. B-B1	Kt-B1
13. Kt-R4	Kt-K15
14. P-K4	Q-B3
	Drawn

CHESS BOOKS

By Fred Reinfeld

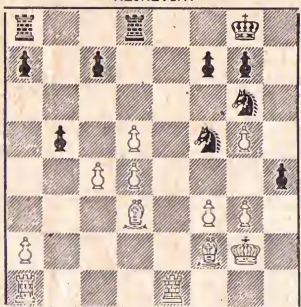
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After 28. B-Q3 RESHEVSKY



White	Black
25.	RPXP
26. BxP	Kt-P
27. QR-Q1	P-QB4
28. P-K3	Q-K12
29. B-K15	Q-R1
30. R-K1	R-K1
31. P-K3	P-K3
32. B-K4	Q-R1
33. R-K1	R-K1
34. B-B5	R-R1
	Resigns

Smyslov showed sporting qualities by repeating the variation with which he had lost to Euwe (the latter's only win in the tournament). This time Smyslov played well, and Euwe poorly, so that Smyslov was able to avenge his previous defeat.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 24

White	Black
DR. EUWE	V. SMYSLOV
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KK3
3. Kt-KB3	P-Q4
4. Kt-B3	B-K12
5. O-K15	P-P
6. P-K3	B-K15
7. P-K3	Kt-K12
8. Q-K15	Kt-K12
9. Q-K15	Kt-K12
10. P-Q5	P-QR4
11. P-B3	Q-K12
12. P-B3	Q-K12
13. Kt-K15	Q-K12
14. Q-K15	Q-K12
15. Kt-P	R-K1
16. R-QK1	Kt-K12
	Resigns



White	Black
33. R(B)-QK1	36. R-K1
34. K-Q2	37. R-QR1
35. K-K2	38. K-K3
	Resigns

Botvinnik defended manfully against Keres, but his heart was not in it. A totally unsound sacrifice of the exchange led rapidly to Botvinnik's downfall and enabled Keres to break a jinx of long duration.

FRENCH DEFENSE

World Championship, Round 25

White	Black
P. KERES	M. BOTVINNIK
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. Kt-KB3	B-K15
4. B-Q2	P-K3
5. Q-K14	Kt-KB3
6. Q-K14	R-K1
7. R-K1	R-K1
8. Q-K14	R-K1
9. Q-K14	R-K1
10. B-B3	Q-K12
11. P-QK3	Kt-K12
12. P-B3	R-Q2
13. B-K12	B-K12
14. P-QB4	Q-KB4
	Resigns

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Men Who Work For Chess

By John D. French

Milton Finkelstein

One of chessdom's most active workers is fortunately a USCF director and CHESSE LIFE columnist.....the funniest humorist not now under contract: Milton Finkelstein, 27-year-old New York minor master. Although a strong and active player, "Milty" is best known as a tournament director, perfecter of "The Finkelstein-Swiss," monologist and author of the Peoria '45 song: "1-2-3..."

On the playing side of the ledger it's: captaincies of New Utrecht High (city champions); three times (39-41) at CCNY; Marshall Chess Club (45); President of the National Intercollegiate Chess League (39-46); four times finalist at the Marshall, placing sixth in '45; fifth at the U.S. Open in '45—all of which, oddly enough, leads him to say: "I'll never be a champion, but I'll always play the King's, Amar or Franco-Canadian gambits, flying saucer variation, against anybody, just to make it interesting." Needless to say, his rapid transit is strong.



Now a Bronx High School of Science teacher (he'll put his team against any in the country with a radio station), and founder (42) of the position he holds as NY Board of Education chess instructor to the physically handicapped, his biggest efforts lie with college chess. He has raised "rah-rah" chess from a tolerated strictly side-issue to a point where colleges send boys 1000 miles (Miami to New York) just to play in the USCF Intercollegiate, another "Finkelstein First."

Two other big months in his life are July '46 when he was elected a USCF director; and October '47 when he married non-chess-playing "Marilyn," New York photographers' model.

With a tournament director's record to rival George Koltanowski's (whose book "Practical Chess," Milt edited), the untiring MF has run nine national intercollegiate events; three strong Pennsylvania State championships; twice assisted at U.S. Opens (Peoria and Pittsburgh); and set up and directed the U.S. Biennial Masters' Reserve Tournament.

Then too, the amusing Milt has organized a college chess club with a paid-up membership of 150! Not content with that record and now preparing a lecture tour of Pennsylvania, Milt is now to be a member of the newly formed group on NCY in the USCF and a member of the 1948 U.S. Biennial Championship Committee.

After 27. B-B1 BOTVINNIK



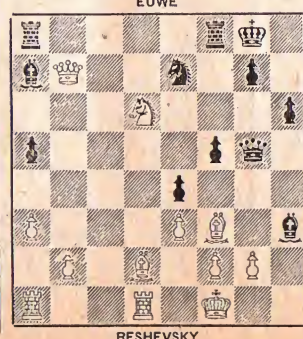
White	Black
27.	R-K1
28. P-K3	Kt-Q6 ch
29. BxK1	R-B3
30. R-B3	R-K1
31. B-R3	Kt-B4
32. B-Q2	Q-K2
33. BxP	P-K13
	Resigns

Reshevsky-Euwe started off with a dull variation (Euwe was obviously prepared for peaceful gestures); but Reshevsky's aggressive play led to interesting complications which resulted in victory for him.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

World Championship, Round 25

White	Black
S. RESHEVSKY	DR. EUWE
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
3. Kt-KB3	P-K3
4. P-K3	P-B4
5. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
6. P-K3	P-K3
7. P-QR3	P-QR4
8. B-K2	O-O
9. O-O	P-K3
10. Q-B2	P-K4
11. BxP	B-K15
12. Kt-KK15	B-R4
	Resigns



RESHEVSKY

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

Sammy Reshevsky, back from the World Championship tournament, was feted by the Manhattan Chess Club at a special reception held in his honor. Sammy agreed with the verdict of the tourney: Botvinnik was now the indisputable world champion. But, insisted the American champion, a tournament is not a match, and it is only in a match that Botvinnik's clear superiority is to be undeniably demonstrated. This is not to be taken as another case of "sour grapes", for Sammy is certain that a match between Botvinnik and Reshevsky might prove a real surprise to Russia's chess population!

Our champion will permit little disagreement. No chess player in the world is so much superior to the half-dozen best players that he can afford to give them the consistent advantage of a time advantage. Reshevsky's, dismal failure has been laid to two facts: he was always in time trouble; he didn't always get out of it. And post mortem analysis of his play reveals that he could have scored an easy second place—perhaps even first—if not for these defects in his playing style.

OOPS!! Sorry, but the announcement in the last column that the Log Cabin and Marshall Chess Clubs had tied for the Met-League championship proves premature. Harold M. Phillips of the London Terrace team won an extended ending from Donovan of the Marshall to make the match between these clubs a draw. This game changed the results of the competition so that the Jersey contingent is now the sole winner, Marshall second and Brooklyn third.

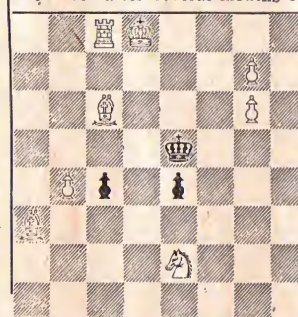
MARSHALL CLUB TEACHES CHESS

The Marshall Chess Club of New York has inaugurated a series of chess classes for A, B, and C class players. The teachers of these groups respectively are: A. E. Santasiere, A. Kreymborg, and Milton Finkelstein.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojans

Vacations are fine, but they do not last long enough! So sighs the reader, no doubt, as he encounters once again "Under the Chess-Nut Tree" after several months of peace and quiet.



White mates in three moves

In deference to our learned colleague, Dr. Keeney, we had vowed to commit all problem matters to his care, but intensive research in other fields of chess lore led us to this single example of the "Multiple Gremlin" theme in which three simple gremlin themes are combined to create confusing strategy.

Solvers are warned that "things are doubly not what they seem" in this gem of Gremliniana, which combines the Latent and Masked with the Inverted theme.

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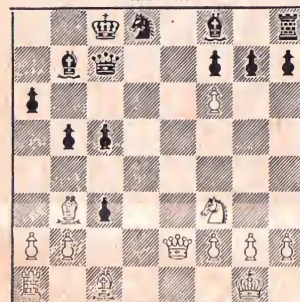
Readers of "The Russians Play Chess" and followers of the recent World Championship match may wish to delve further and deeper into the why of Russian chess mastery. In the first of his series "Chess Tournaments Abroad," Dr. Albrecht Buschke has published in an attractive planographic booklet the 91 games played in the Training Tournament at PARNU, Estonia, July-August, 1947. The list reads like the Russian team in the U.S.-USSR radio and over-board matches, with only Botvinnik missing, and the leading games have notes from the bulletins published in Russia during the course of the tournament. Those interested may obtain this booklet from Dr. A. Buschke, 80 E. 11th St. New York 3, N.Y.; the price is \$3.00.

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Notes by I. Rivis

White Black
A. TURNER G. KRAMER
1. P-Q4 Kt-K3 3. P-B4 PxP
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
The acceptance of the gambit results in White obtaining immediate possession of the center but this is offset by Black's ability to develop his QB — Black's major problem in the gambit declined variation.
4. P-K3 P-K3
The attempt to hold the extra P by 4..... P-Q4 fails after 5. P-QR4, P-B3; 6. PxP, P-P3; 7. P-K3.
5. BxP P-B4 8. B-K3 Kt-B3
6. O-O P-QR3 9. Kt-B3 B-K2
7. Q-K2 P-QK1 10. R-Q1 Q-B2
The standard position in this variation. The game is equal but Black must play precisely to counter White's impending thrust in the center. It is interesting to point out that 10..... Q-B2 is more accurate than 10..... Q-K3, as witness the difference the one square makes in the continuation adopted.
11. P-Q5 PxP 12. P-K4
13. KtP is better. The text is good when the Black Q is on QK5. After 12. KtP, there can follow..... Kt-K3; 13. BxKt, R-B2; 14. P-QK3, O-O; 15. B-K2 and although White has a slight advantage, it still has to be turned into victory — a difficult task. On 12. BxP Black obtains a good game with 12..... P-K5; 13. Kt-KK5 (had the Black Q been on QK5, then 13. BxP ch, KxKt; 14. Q-B4 ch, K-R2; 15. Kt-Q5 ch, KxKt; 16. R-K1 — QxKt forces a draw if White wishes — Kt-Q1; 17. B-K5 ch and 18. P-R4 give White excellent attacking prospects), O-O and Black has the advantage.
12..... P-Q5 14. PxKt
15. Kt-K5 O-O 15. R-K5 ch
It is here that we see the advantage 10..... Q-B2 has over 10..... Q-K3. For if the Black Q were now on QK5 then 15. B-K14 threatening 16. B-K6 ch would be overwhelming, but unfortunately White does not have this continuation with the Black Q on QK2.
15..... KtR
After 15..... KtR
KRAMER



Defending the KBP and opening the long diagonals for withering blasts of the two Bs.
16. Kt-K5
This sortie is premature. Theory says the attack cannot succeed, except in rare instances, unless the attacking side is sufficiently developed. Fortunately Black finds the saving clause to prove the theorists correct. 16. QxKtP and 17. P-QR would give Black a great deal of trouble.
16..... B-Q3 17. Q-K4 ch
17. KtKBP and if 17..... KtKt; 18. Q-K6 ch leads to equality but White evidently thinks he has something.
17..... Kt-K1 19. Kt-Q7 ch K-R2
18. PxP R-K1 20. Kt-B6
20. P-QR4 would rip Black into shreds but why for this slow stuff when the winning of the exchange (Q) looks so much easier?
20..... Kt-K1
This one move suddenly changes the complexion of things. Of course the obvious threat of mate gives Black the necessary time to save the exchange and the Black P on QK5 becomes the winning factor.
21. B-K5

Forced.
21..... PxP
22. R-Q1 RxP 26. Kt-R5 PxP
23. Q-B5 Q-K4 27. KtR B-K5
24. QxQ BxQ Resigns
25. P-KR4 P-R3

This game is an interesting contribution to the theory of the QGA and particularly illustrates the difficulties besetting Black.

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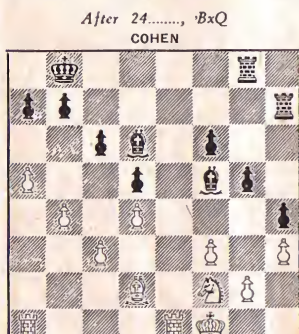
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White Black
L. EVANS COHEN
1. P-K4 P-OB3 4. KtP Kt-Q2
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. Kt-KB3 Kt-K3
3. Kt-OB3 PxP 6. KtKtch
This case Black's task. Better was 6. Kt-K3 hindering the development of Black's QB.
KtKt 7. B-QB4
And here I prefer 7. B-B3 holding the development of White's KB in abeyance until the proper square for the B can be more readily determined.
7..... B-KB4 & Kt-K5
Violating opening principles. The same piece should not be moved twice in the opening until development is completed — a general rule, but this position is not one of the exceptions.
8..... P-K3
White's inexact play has already permitted Black an even game.
9. O-O B-Q3 11. P-QB3 Kt-Q4
10. Q-K2 Q-B2
This, too, seems to be a waste of time. 11..... P-K3 followed by O-O or O-O-O and Black has the edge.
12. B-Q2 O-O-O 13. KR-K1 P-KR4
The White K looks naked.
14. P-KR3 P-B3 15. Kt-Q3
15. P-B3, P-KtKt, White has troubles. The initiative definitely in Black's hands and points up White's deficiencies in his handling of the opening.
15..... P-KK4 16. P-QR4

Attempting a Q-side diversion while waiting to see how Black is going to try to breach the White K-side.
16..... QR-K1 17. P-R5 P-R5
The immediate 17..... K-Kt (to avoid a future check on Black's K3) is better, for after the text Black permanently fixes his K-side Ps and eases the pressure. 17..... P-K5; 18. P-R3, P-Kt6; 19. J-B3 and it is difficult for Black to make any further progress on the K-side.
18. P-B3 K-Kt 19. P-QK4 B-R7 ch
A futile attempt to stir something up in a rather cold tempo. Were Black in a "brilliant" mood, he might have tried 19..... P-K5; 20. BPxP, 20. RPxP, P-R6 and the B cannot be captured! BxP; 21. P-R6, B-Kt6 and now if 22. R-KB1, P-R6; 23. BxKt, PAKtP; 24. QxKtP (BxKtP, B-R7 ch holds the draw in hand), B-R7 with a winning attack.
20. K-B1 Q-K6
Threatening 21..... BxRP; 22. PxP, Q-K8 mate.
21. Kt-B2 KPxP 23. Q-K7 R-R2
22. Kt-B2 Q-Q3 24. QxQ BxQ

After 24..... BxQ
COHEN



EVANS
An appraisal of the position at this point seems to show that Black has a theoretical edge, for (1) he has the two Bs, (2) the White Ps are fixed and subject to attack whereas the Black Ps have more mobility.
25. Kt-K4 BxKt
Giving up one of his advantages. The doubled Ps are not a serious handicap here, provided..... R-K1 and B-Q2 and Black maintain his advantage.
26. BPxP K-B2
An interesting attempt is 26..... P-KB4; 27. R-K6 (27. PxP, R-KB3), B-K6; 28. PxP, R-KB2; 29. P-B6, K-R2 and Black regains the P with a better game.
27. R-K6 R-KB1
By 27..... P-KB4 Black can transpose into the variation given in the preceding notes. Or Black could try 27..... R-KB2 threatening P-KB4 with greater effect. The move in the actual game is too weak.
28. K-K2 K-Q2 29. R-K3 R-K2
Little by little Black is dissipating his advantage. All the winning chances (if any) rest with Black but it seems from his conduct of the endgame that he is satisfied with a draw and is not looking for a win. Better 29..... B-B5; 30. R-B3, R-K2 ch; 31. K-R3 or Q1, BxR; 32. KtR, R-B1 and Black's KBP is immune from capture, i.e.: 33. RxBP, R-K7 ch; 34. R-B1 (34. K-Q5, R(1)-K6 mate), R-R8 ch wins the R. White need not take the KBP but after Black plays R-K3 then brings his K over to the K62 his control of the file should give him winning chances. Or after 29..... B-B5; 30. R-Q3, R-K2 ch; 31. K-R3, BxR; 32. RxB, R(1)-K1 and Black has all the play. The rest of the game requires little comment. Black played for a draw and got it.

30. R-KB1 R-Rx ch 39. KxR K-B2
31. BxR R-K1 40. Q-K3 K-K3
32. K-Q3 R-K3 41. P-B4 K-Q3
33. R-B3 P-R3 42. K-B3 K-B2
34. B-B2 K-K2 43. K-K3 K-Q3
35. P-K3 PxP 44. PxP PxP
36. BxP BxP 45. K-R4 K-B3
37. RxB R-K8 46. P-K5 ch K-Q2
38. R-K3 ch RxR 47. K-K4 K-B3
Drawn

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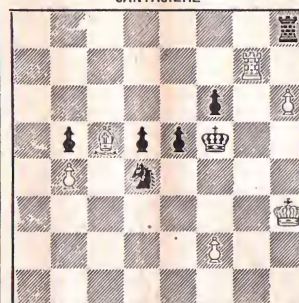
Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White Black
W. SHIPMAN A. E. SANTASIERE
1. P-Q4 P-OB3 4. KtP B-B4
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. Q-B3
3. Kt-OB3 PxP
Especially recommended by Dr. Tarnasch.
5..... B-K3
Another continuation for Black is 5..... Q-Q4; 6. B-Q3, BxKt; 7. QxR, Kt-B3; 8. QxQ, PxQ with White being a tempo ahead.
6. B-K3 Kt-B3 7. B-Q3
Better is 7. KtKtch followed by O-O-O.
7..... Q-R4 ch 8. B-Q2
To move a piece which was already developed can hardly be good. Why not play simply 8. P-B3?
8..... Q-Q4 10. Q-O P-Q
9. KtKtch KtPaxt 11. B-B3 R-PxP
The Black position is preferable. He has open files for his Rs and his Ps will soon occupy the center.
12. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 14. O-O
13. B-B3 P-K3
O-O-O was better because it keeps the K nearer to the center.
14..... B-Q3 22. R-QB1 PxP
15. KR-K1 K-K2 23. PxP R-Rx ch
16. R-K1 P-KK4 24. BxR R-QB1
17. B-K3 P-KK1 25. P-K1 R-K1
18. P-QR3 P-R4 26. P-QK1 Kt-B3
19. P-K3 P-R5 27. Kt-K13 P-K4
20. K-K2 Kt-R4 28. B-K3 R-K1
21. Kt-Q2 KR-QB1 29. PxP PxP
The Black center is ideal, his R occupies a commanding position on the 7th rank, his K is close to the center.

Solution:
Gemlin Problem
White to move. 1. Q-K4 2. Q-K5 3. Q-K6 4. Q-K7 5. Q-K8 6. Q-K9 7. Q-K10 8. Q-K11 9. Q-K12 10. Q-K13 11. Q-K14 12. Q-K15 13. Q-K16 14. Q-K17 15. Q-K18 16. Q-K19 17. Q-K20 18. Q-K21 19. Q-K22 20. Q-K23 21. Q-K24 22. Q-K25 23. Q-K26 24. Q-K27 25. Q-K28 26. Q-K29 27. Q-K30 28. Q-K31 29. Q-K32 30. Q-K33 31. Q-K34 32. Q-K35 33. Q-K36 34. Q-K37 35. Q-K38 36. Q-K39 37. Q-K40 38. Q-K41 39. Q-K42 40. Q-K43 41. Q-K44 42. Q-K45 43. Q-K46 44. Q-K47 45. Q-K48 46. Q-K49 47. Q-K50 48. Q-K51 49. Q-K52 50. Q-K53 51. Q-K54 52. Q-K55 53. Q-K56 54. Q-K57 55. Q-K58 56. Q-K59 57. Q-K60 58. Q-K61 59. Q-K62 60. Q-K63 61. Q-K64 62. Q-K65 63. Q-K66 64. Q-K67 65. Q-K68 66. Q-K69 67. Q-K70 68. Q-K71 69. Q-K72 70. Q-K73 71. Q-K74 72. Q-K75 73. Q-K76 74. Q-K77 75. Q-K78 76. Q-K79 77. Q-K80 78. Q-K81 79. Q-K82 80. Q-K83 81. Q-K84 82. Q-K85 83. Q-K86 84. Q-K87 85. Q-K88 86. Q-K89 87. Q-K90 88. Q-K91 89. Q-K92 90. Q-K93 91. Q-K94 92. Q-K95 93. Q-K96 94. Q-K97 95. Q-K98 96. Q-K99 97. Q-K100

30. Kt-B5 ch BxKt
This leaves White with a bad B.
31. BxP P-P 36. P-R5
32. P-KR4 P-P 37. R-KK1
33. PxP R-RP 38. R-Kt1
34. K-K2 R-RP 39. P-R6
35. K-R3 K-K3

After 39..... R-R1
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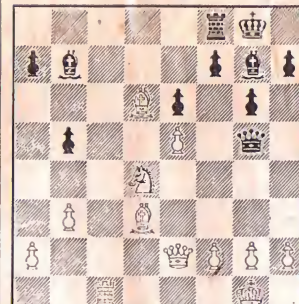
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40. P-R7 Kt-K3 42. RxR Kt-K4 ch
41. R-K17 RxP ch Resigns
A very instructive ending.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE
City Championship
Rochester, N.Y., 1948

Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger

White Black
M. HERZBERGER J. POLUKIS
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 6. O-O QK1-Q2
2. Kt-KB3 P-K3 7. P-K4 P-B4
3. P-K3 P-QK3 8. P-QB3 R-B1
4. Q-Q2 B-K2 9. P-KB3 P-KK1
5. QKt-Q2
This is not good since it creates too many holes. Either P-K3 or P-KK1, but not both.
10. B-K2 FxP 11. PxP Q-K2
Black should have tried 11..... P-Q1.
12. Q-K2 O-O 13. B-R3
The game is already positionally won for White.
13..... Kt-K1 15. QR-B1
14. P-K5 Kt-K1
As Black's move shows, this move is not best. 15. Kt-Q4 at once would have been more exact.
15..... Kt-OB3 16. Kt-B4 P-QK4
A beautiful conception. The next moves are forced.
17. KtP KtP 19. KtKt R-R1
18. BxKt KtQp 20. R-Kt R-K4

After 20..... Q-K4
POLUKIS



HERZBERGER
21. Q-B1
The alternative was 21. R-B6, BxR; 22. KtR, Q-B5 ch; 23. Q-B3, QxQ; 24. BxR, KtR; 25. BxP, Q-B6; 26. P-B4 and Black would be able to equalize; neither is 21. P-B4 inviting.
21..... BxKtP 25. Kt-R7 R-K1
22. QxB QxR ch 26. Q-B6 Q-K4 ch
23. B-B1 R-B1 27. K-B1
24. KtKtP P-QR3
Here probably 21. R-R1 was preferable.
27..... R-Q1 28. Q-B7 BxP
Again a good repartee. The next move of White is the only possible play to keep his advantage, but it suffers in the following endgame the R has no chance against the two Bs.
29. Kt-B8 B-B3 35. B-B4 K-B2
30. Kt-K7 ch B-K1 36. B-KK5 R-Q3
31. QxP Q-Q2 37. K-B1 K-K2
32. BxQ R-Q7 38. B-B4 R-B3
33. P-QR4 P-B4 39. B-Q2 K-B3
34. B-B1 P-QR4 40. BxRP Resigns
A game which does credit to the youthful loser. Inexact play of Black leads to a lost position; Agonious conception of Black nearly turns the tables and very careful play of White was required to withstand the attack.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by E. J. Korpany

White Black
J. F. DONOVAN S. WEINSTOCK
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 4. Q-B2 Kt-B3
2. P-QB4 P-K3 5. Kt-B3 P-Q4
3. Kt-OB3 B-K5
In this defense, when the QKt is played before the QBP, we prefer to play P-Q3 with the intention of later playing P-K4. As played it opens the QB-file to White while Black's QBP and QP remain weak.
6. PxP O-O 8. O-O B-Q3
Preparing to strengthen his QBP and QP while attempting to break up the White Q and B battery converging on his K position. He succeeds in this to a measure but the QKt is pushed out of play for some time.
10. Q-K3
This move no more than to prevent Black from developing his QB. The simple 10. P-QR3 would keep his position as is.
10..... Kt-K45 11. Q-B2 R-K1
11. B-K1 P-B3 14. P-QK4 Kt-B2
12. P-QR3 Kt-R3 15. Q-K3
This appears like a waste of time.

15..... P-QR3 18. Q-B2 Kt-K5
16. Kt-QR4 Q-K5 19. Kt-K5
17. Kt-B5 QR-K1

After 19. Kt-K5
WEINSTOCK



DONOVAN

At first glance the two White Kts look formidable. Actually that is not the case. Black's next move forces White to relinquish both outposts. Of course Black can't play 18..... BxKt; 20. PxR, QxP; 21. P-R8 and White has a better game, so Black prepares against it.
18..... Q-B2 22. P-B2
20. KtKt B-K4 21. Q-B4
21. Kt-Q3 Q-R5
The only move to forestall the coming attack on the K. If 23..... R-K13; 24. P-KK5 followed by 25. Kt-K5, 25. KtPxP Q-B4
24. Kt-B5 BxKt
White threatened 25. P-B5 followed by Q-B4. But instead of Black playing 25..... Q-B4 we prefer 25..... P-B4 even if it does coop up the B at K5. That move allows more rapid contact for the Q with the Q-side.
25. B-Q2 P-K3
This R is of no value here now. It could better be used in the defense of the weak Q-side.
26. BxP PxP 29. R-K13 P-K14
28. KR-K1 Kt-Q4
This P would fall sooner or later. Black exchanges it but makes the QR weak and gives White a valuable open file.
30. PxP RxP Q-K2
31. QR-K1 RxR 37. Q-B2 Q-Q8 ch
32. RxR P-KR4 38. B-K2 P-R6
33. R-K18 ch R-R2 39. P-K13 Q-Q6
34. Q-K2 P-R5 40. B-K1
35. Q-R6
A good move. White gives up two Ps but gains two vital ones in return together with a winning position.
40. QxP ch 43. Q-B5 ch R-K13
41. B-B2 QxRP 44. QxRP C-Q3
42. QxP ch R-R3 45. Q-K8 R-B3
Forced. This is the beginning of the end.
46. Q-R8 ch K-K13 48. QxP Kt-K2
47. R-KK1 K-B4
If 48..... Q-K2; then 49. Q-K4 ch, K-K5; 50. Q-R2 ch, K-B4; 51. P-K14 ch, KxP; 52. B-K13 mate.
49. Q-K4 ch K-K5 51. Q-B3 ch K-B5
50. P-B5 ch K-Q4 52. Q-R8 Resigns

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by A. Y. Hesse

White Black
G. SHAINSWIT I. HEITNER
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-B3 B-K5
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. Q-B2 Kt-B3
4..... P-Q4 is better; and the Kt should be developed via Q2.
5. Kt-B3 P-Q3 7. QxB O-O
6. P-QR3 BxKtch 8. P-QK4
A good developing move sets the pattern for the Q-side.
9. R-K1 9. P-K15 Kt-K11
Proving the weakness of his 4th move and loss of two moves — for time is a highly important element in chess.
10. P-K13 P-K13 14. B-K12 R-R2
11. B-KK12 B-K12 15. Kt-Q2 BxB
12. O-O QKt-Q2 16. KxB Q-R1 ch
13. P-QR4 P-QR3 17. P-B3 Q-QB1
Meaningless. Better would be 17..... P-B3, challenging the opposing P position; but White's position has grown strong while the mobility of the opponent is waning.
18. P-K4 P-B4 19. P-Q5
White has succeeded in blocking off the opposing Q, and is obviously ready to proceed with his K-side attack; Black should at once bring the Q over to his K's support, and Kt-B1 is now indicated.
19..... P-K4 21. Q-K13 P-B3
20. P-B4 Kt-K1 22. P-B5 P-K14
It appears too late now to safely meet the K-side threat; if after 23. B-B3, P-K15; 24. Q-Q1, P-KR4; 25.



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LAST CALL FOR OAK RIDGE

EARLY ENTRIES TO JUNIOR INDICATE STIRRING BATTLE

Canada Challenges U. S. Supremacy With Quebec and Toronto Champions

First among the early birds enrolled in the 3rd Annual U. S. Junior Championship Tournament to be held at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from July 19 to 24 is the strong Canadian contingent, headed by Quebec Junior Champion Bernard Lesage and Toronto Junior Champion R. Siemms (the latter a veteran of the Cleveland tournament).

Others in the Canadian group are from Toronto: F. R. Anderson, K. Hastings, J. Kagetsu and W. R. Oaker; and of these Hastings and Oaker are also veterans of the Cleveland meeting.

In the U. S. groups, Ohio leapt into the lead with three entries from Cleveland and one from Akron. Cleveland will send, of course, 1947 Junior Champion Larry Friedman, who hopes to make it three times in a row. He will be supported by Cleveland's "chess twins," George and Harold Miller. Akron will be represented by Earl Dennison of the Firestone Chess and Checker Club.

New York, a close second to Ohio in early entries, will be represented by Larry Evans, Champion of the Marshall Chess Club, and Arthur Bisguier, Champion of the Manhattan Chess Club, while Kentucky Junior Champion Jackie Mayer is an early entry from the South.

Two official contenders, not as yet named, will represent Pennsylvania, and many other localities have indicated that they will officially support entrants in what promises to be the biggest and best of the U. S. Junior Championships. First report from Oak Ridge indicates that nineteen entries have already been received as an early start to a large enrollment.

JIM SCHMITT WINS PUGET SOUND OPEN

Nineteen-year old Jim Schmitt of Portland, Ore. won the Puget Sound Open Tournament from a strong field of contenders with a score of 6-0. Second was Carroll Crahn of Tacoma with 5-1, losing his only game to Schmitt. Third place went to Vernon Holmes, Tacoma Champion, with a score of 4-2. Seattle City Champion Charles Joachim finished fourth with 3½-2½. A three-way tie for fifth was broken by the Sonneborn-Berger method in the following order: V. W. Beyer, Seattle Chess Club Champion; Bert Brandstrom, Skagit County Champion; and Henry Amsden.

Twelve players contested in the six-round Swiss which was directed by Ray Hiscox.

ELECT OFFICERS AT WASHINGTON

The annual meeting of the Washington State Chess Federation was held at the Carlton Hotel in Tacoma. Lawrence Taro (long secretary-treasurer) was elected president; John Nourse vice-president; Richard Allen secretary, W. H. Raleigh treasurer.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Dates: July 19-24.

Place: Ridge Hall, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Accommodations: Free housing will be provided for all entrants.

Entry fee: \$5.00 to USCF Members (Non-members add \$1 for annual dues); send checks to William H. Rankins, 133 West Pasadena Road, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Qualifications: Open to all citizens of the United States and Canada who have not attained their 21st birthday.

Transportation: Southern Railway or L. & N. to Knoxville, bus to Oak Ridge. Oak Ridge is on Tennessee Highway No. 61—take Route 25 from the North, Route 70 from the West, and Routes 41 and 11 from the South.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

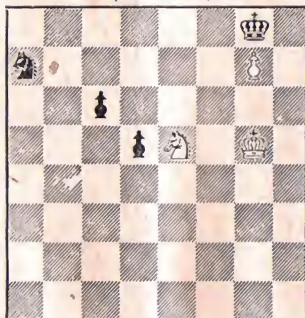
Since passes are required for admission to Oak Ridge; entries must be mailed in well in advance of opening date.

MINNEAPOLIS AVENGES DEFEAT BY WINNIPEG

Traveling to Detroit Lakes (Minn.) a Minneapolis team met and defeated the Winnipeg (Canada) team by a decisive score of 20½-8½ to avenge last September's beating of 15½-14½ in this annual international contest.

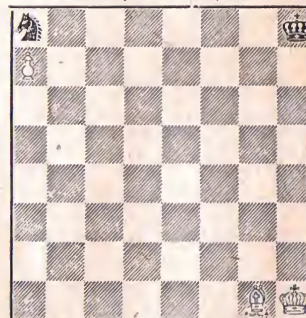
Minneapolis	Winnipeg
Dr. G. A. Koetsche 0	L. Moser 1
G. S. Barnes 1	J. Drouin 0
R. Ott 0	A. Mogle 1
C. R. Diesch 0	A. Drenan 1
R. Gueydan 1	S. Blinder 0
R. C. Beto 1	P. M. Chiswell 0
O. M. Oulman 1	H. Gregory 1
L. Narveson 1	C. Johansen 1
H. Fricman 1	E. Budnitsky 1
C. H. Sumner 1	N. Garfinkle 0
W. R. Kaiser 0	J. Filkow 1
S. Sorenson 1	L. Chataline 1
K. N. Pederson 1	N. Selchen 0
P. Gantris 1	R. Moser 0
R. D. Hammond 1	P. Bahr 0
L. Kile 1	H. Fineberg 1
L. Miller 1	W. Moser 0
P. Johnson 0	J. Felman 1
U. S. Smith 1	A. M. Bourque 0
S. Rein 1	M. Fineberg 0
M. Janowitz 1	D. Wright 0
R. C. Johnson 1	H. Moore 0
B. R. Church 1	J. Kovacs 0
J. A. Baker 1	N. Smith 0
E. F. Michl 1	J. Skulsky 0
E. T. Baldwin 1	B. Minik 0
L. Solen 1	W. Oterson 0
Knaib 1	P. Meale 0
M. Oterson 1	A. Kurtz 0
Minneapolis 20½	Winnipeg 8½

Position No. 23
By A. Carra (Bologna)
L'Echiquier de Paris, 1947



Gk1, sP1, 2p5, 3pSIK1,
S, S, S, S,
White to play and win

Position No. 24
By F. Fisher (London)
L'Echiquier de Paris, 1947



s6k, P7, S, S, S, S, S,
GBK
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

TWO excellent studies from the pages of L'Echiquier de Paris, (column edited by Dr. J. Mennerat with unfailing taste) illustrate practical but difficult wins for White. In Position No. 23 the deft handling of the White Kt is the secret of success; in Position No. 24 the White B and K combine in a delicate series of maneuvers. In either study the slightest slip casts away the victory.

Solutions will be published in the July 20th issue.

CCLA Donates Special Prizes To U. S. Open Tournament

The Correspondence Chess League of America, USCF affiliate, has donated a special trophy to be given to the CCLA member, playing in the U. S. Open Tournament at Baltimore who finishes with the highest standing, as a gesture to encourage more frequent entry into national tournaments on the part of CCLA members.

In addition the CCLA will award a Gold Medal to the winner of the best played game in the Open Tournament by a contestant other than the regular winners. The Editors of The Chess Correspondent will be judges and select the game for award.

MOUZON VICTOR IN SO. CAROLINA

Harold A. Mouzon, Jr. of Charleston was crowned Champion of South Carolina in a two-day Swiss tournament at Columbia on June 19-20 in the first State Tournament since 1933. Mouzon, a student at the College of Charleston, is the Charleston City Champion, holding the title in 1948, 1947 and 1944.

Second place went to E. B. Hallman of Spartanburg, 1930 State Champion, as a result of a tie-breaking on the Sonneborn-Berger system. Third place went to Paul L. Cromelin (Augusta) and fourth place to Karl Stamm (Spartanburg).

South Carolina Championship	
Harold A. Mouzon, Jr. (Charleston)	4
E. B. Hallman (Spartanburg)	3½
Paul L. Cromelin (Augusta)	3½
Karl Stamm (Spartanburg)	3
James Mosimann (Charleston)	3
Robert F. Brand (Charleston)	2
Alfred Rawlinson (Columbia)	2
John MacEmilly (Spartanburg)	2
Joe K. Park (Clemson)	2
H. Vernon Poe (Clemson)	1½
Alexander D. Lewis (Clemson)	1½
J. H. Arl (Clemson)	1

At the annual business meeting of the South Carolina Chess Ass'n the following officers were re-elected: Robert F. Brand, president; Alexander D. Lewis, secretary; Joe K. Park, treasurer; Paul L. Cromelin, tournament director. Spartanburg was selected as site for the 1949 tournament.

MICHELSEN WINS CHICAGO TOURNEY

Einar Michelsen regained the Chicago City Championship in a hotly contested twelve-round tournament in which most of Chicago's leading players competed by the score of 9½-1½. Michelsen lost no games, but drew with Albert Sandrin, former State Champion, Herman Hahlbohm, 1947 City Champion and former U. S. Open Champion, and with Harold Leef.

Second place went to Joe Shaffer with 9-2, losing to Michelsen and drawing with Earl Davidson and Sam Cohen. Earl Davidson captured third with 7½-3½, Albert Sandrin was fourth with 7-4, and Herman Hahlbohm fifth with 6-5.

The Consolation tournament was won by Paul Mow with 5-1, losing his only game to runner-up, Arnold Tuckler, who finished second with 4-2. Robert Herwitz finished third with 3½-2½. Both tournaments were played in the rooms of the Chess Club of Chicago, 185 West Madison Street.

DOUBLE-HEADER FOR LOG CABIN

Ever ambitious for new fields of conquest, the Log Cabin Chess Club of West Orange (N.J.) made a long and arduous trek by auto on the week-end of June 19-20 to face two strong competitors in quick succession.

Undaunted by a series of cloud bursts which made roads slippery and visibility zero, the team reached Washington in time to line up behind the chess-boards and face the Washington Chess Divan in a spirited match which was closely contested down the line, but ended in a 7½-5½ victory for the Divan.

Piling again into their cars at 1:00 a.m., the Log Cabin plowed through the rain to Baltimore, arriving at 3:00 a.m. There after a needed sleep, the argonauts faced the combined Maryland Chess Club and Baltimore Chess League team, and scored this time a victory by 6½-4½, to finish off one of the most arduous dual matches in chess history.

(See Page 5 for scores)

CHESS LIFE PRIZE AT BRIDGEPORT

The Bridgeport YMCA Chess Club solved its prize award problems by granting subscriptions to CHESS LIFE to the tournament victors. The winners were: Walter Hattersley (Stratford), Richard P. Smith (Milford), and Albert Wal-lach (Bridgeport).

SANDRIN PLAYS BLINDFOLD WAY

Albert Sandrin Jr., present Illinois State Champion, continues in the blindfold way of chess by giving a 15-board exhibition at Hawthorne (Western Electric) Chess Club in Chicago. He won 13, drew 1 and lost 1. In a total of 73 blindfold games, Sandrin has lost only 6.

L. STEINER LEADS AT CZECH TOUR'Y

By a thin half-point L. Steiner leads the international tournament at Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia. Dr. Vidmar, G. Stoltz and Barca are tied with 8-4 each and Canadian Abe Yanofsky follows with 7½-4½.

(Standings 12 Games)	
Steiner (Austria)	8½-3½
Barca (Hungary)	8-4
Stoltz (Sweden)	8-4
Vidmar (Yugoslavia)	8-4
Yanofsky (Canada)	7½-4½
(Standings 11 Games)	
Pirc (Yugoslavia)	7½-3½
Opocensky (Czechoslovakia)	6-5
Tartakover (USSR)	6-5
Golembek (England)	5½-5½
Podgorny (Czechoslovakia)	5½-5½
Sajtar (Czechoslovakia)	5½-5½
Romacek (Czechoslovakia)	4½-6½
(Standings 10 Games)	
Poltya (Czechoslovakia)	6-4
Troianescu (Romania)	5½-4½
Prinz (Holland)	5-7
Zita (Czechoslovakia)	5-7

PAUL DIETZ WINS AT PITTSBURGH

Championship of the Pittsburgh Downtown YMCA Chess Club went to Paul L. Dietz (18-year old former Pittsburgh Scholastic Champion) with a score of 15½-1½. Runner-up was Alexander Spitzer with 14½-2½.

Former Champion W. M. Byland (USCF and CCLA vice-president) finished third with 14-3, while David Spiro (who lost a heart-breaker to Dietz in the final rounds) was fourth and Sorenson fifth. The tournament was directed by Robert Reel, former Wisconsin State Champion and was played at the YMCA headquarters.

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IF WE BEGIN WITH CERTAINTIES

ORD Verulam (1561-1626) discovered the profound truth that "if we begin with certainties, we shall end in doubts; but if we begin with doubts, and are patient in them, we shall end in certainties." In these simple words Francis Bacon expressed the basic formula of the empirical approach to life.

Certainly in chess no experiment was ever attempted more in doubt and uncertainty than the initial concept of an open qualification for the U. S. Biennial Championship Tournament. Many gloomy souls prophesied its complete failure, and even its most enthusiastic advocates were uncertain of the practical results of an ideal that was essentially valid in concept.

In 1946 the USCF first translated into actual practice this novel (in chess) concept of open qualification through a series of preliminary tournaments. As we pointed out in an editorial in CHESS LIFE on January 5th, 1947, the concept was fully justified in the practical results. Several of the winners of Area Preliminaries (who would not have been invited to a traditional closed tournament—notably Jacob Levin of Philadelphia who placed fourth) finished ahead of recognized experts who most definitely would have been invited to compete in the Championship, if it had been an invitational event.

At that time, however, we did not fail to recognize the fact that there were defects in the minutiae of the preliminary procedure which needed correction. To remedy these minor flaws the USCF appointed an exceptionally well-qualified committee, headed by Richard W. Wayne, to study the whole program; and the findings of this committee, embodied in the "Wayne Report" were the basis of procedure established for the 1948 Biennial Championship Tournament.

It is only just to admit now that the results of the 1948 Area Preliminary Tournaments have not been uniformly satisfactory, nor have they in all respects conformed to the basic procedure envisioned in the recommendations of the "Wayne Report." But it is quite unjust and illogical therefore to assume that these facts invalidate the basic conception of open qualification for the Championship.

In considering the question impartially, we must avoid the twin traps that oftentimes snare the unwary, remembering that a new idea is not necessarily good merely because it is news (as some enthusiasts are prone to believe), nor is an old idea to be preferred merely because it has become traditional and familiar. Both must be judged solely upon their merits as translated into practical action.

The greatest fault (there were several others) to be noted in the recent Area Preliminaries of 1948 has been the failure in some localities to advertise sufficiently in advance the time and place of the playing. This has not been altogether the fault of the local committees in many instances, but resulted primarily from the shortness of time allotted to the setting up of the Area Tournaments. It was unfortunate in that it reduced the number of contestants in some Areas and prevented the entry of certain outstanding players who would have competed if given better warning. It therefore tended to create a false impression that the chess players of the nation were not interested in entering preliminary meets—an impression which is denied emphatically by the amount of interest shown by chess players in writing about "open qualification." It is notable in this connection that in Area 3 where there was advance notice given, the Champions of Illinois, Nebraska and Wisconsin together with a former Michigan Champion gave authority to the list of contestants.

That this matter of inadequate advance notice, together with other more minor defects require rectification is obvious; and we may be sure that the whole question of the U. S. Biennial Championship Tournament for 1950 will receive careful and detailed study when the USCF Board of Directors convene in Baltimore this July.

Montgomery Major

HOW TO PUBLICIZE YOUR CHESS CLUB

By John D. French
USCF Director of Public Relations

As public relations director of the United States Chess Federation, John D. French, (213 South Front street, Harrisburg, Penna.) has prepared a quick "check list" outline of ways and means of publicizing your local chess activities, especially the appearance of simultaneous players.

1) Retype each story from any printed material filling in the date and place of local activity. Mimeographed or printed copy seldom gets a good reception in a newspaper or radio office.

2) Make liberal use of pictures in your newspaper stories. An editor will often run an interesting picture with a few descriptive lines,

where a longer news story (which occupies less space), will not meet with his approval. With each picture add some suggested descriptive notes and be sure these lines include the date, time and place, tickets, etc., the local sponsoring group's name, and other necessary information.

3) Make contacts with your local newspaper editors and radio station managers, the sports man in particular, and explain to them that chess is of interest to a great many more persons than one would suspect; people not known to you or members of any club or organized chess activity. Do not give them a batch of stories at one time, but space them out at intervals: best is: a) a story two weeks in advance; b) a longer story a few days in advance; c) a shorty that "tonight is the night."

4) Remember the local angle is what counts: names of local sponsors, players of local ability taking part, their pictures, etc.—all are good news.

5) Complimentary tickets (or playing receipts) must be given editors, radio announcers, reporters, etc., who have shown special interest in the event. It matters little that they are NOT players; they like the idea and might look in just to see what it is all about.

6) Get the news in early. Take pictures and stories to a newspaper office or radio station at least two days in advance of when you think it should be used (but abide by the decisions of the editors on when it is used, should they feel the items should be timed differently).

7) Call on me (John D. French, 213 S. Front, Harrisburg, Pa.) at any time for special help in your problem, either for a specific event or for general public relations of your club and the town.

From the USCF Club Manual.

Conducted by Gene Collett

Roulette Chess

THE theory, held by some unreasonable individuals, that chess players spend all their time sitting and looking at the board gets a rude shock from two similar forms of team play—known as Roulette Chess and Caterpillar Chess—developed by the Washington (D. C.) Chess Divan and the Federal Chess Club of the same city.

The following story on these non-sedentary methods of play—guaranteed to reduce anybody's waistline—is adapted from the USCF Club Manual, soon to be published.

Roulette Chess is played by teams, with at least six members on each team. During the first round, one team plays White on all boards, and in the concluding round, the same team plays Black on all boards.

Players of the white pieces make their moves at the sound of a chime and then go immediately to the next higher numbered board except that the White player at the last board will move to No. 1 board.

Thirty seconds after the White players make their first moves, opening the match the chime will sound again and Black players, who remain stationary throughout the play, will make their moves immediately. In another 15 seconds, the chime will sound again and the white moves will be made, after which the white players shift to the next boards as previously explained.

The process is then repeated.

When a game is completed, the two players at the board remove their pieces, or otherwise indicate that the board is "dead," and retire from play. This board is then skipped by the remaining players. The winner of a game reports to the timekeeper, or preferably to a separate scorekeeper; in the case of a draw, the player with the white pieces is required to report.

The team with the best score at the end of two rounds wins the match.

To make the contest exactly fair, players must not make their moves before the chime sounds and must remain at their boards until it is time to go to the next board. Kibitzing at adjoining boards is forbidden.

It is recommended that two score sheets (one for White and one for Black) be provided at each board, with both players being required to record their moves. Some of the "composite" games should be interesting to review.

As an alternative, players at White boards may move in one direction; those at the Black boards in the other. The time interval in this case should be equalized, allowing the same amount of time, say 30 seconds, regardless of whether the player is Black or White.

Centipede Chess

Caterpillar or Centipede Chess is similar to the last-mentioned form of roulette chess, except that the teams move in the same, rather than in opposite directions.

Two teams play simultaneously on several boards. Preferably, there should be three or four boards more than there are team members.

The teams line up in single file and move along the sides of the boards. The same players always face each other at each board. White makes a move, then Black makes a move, after which the two players go to the next board. This continues until the games are over. No players drop when a game is completed; they keep going until the last game is finished.

If you are No. 1 man on your team and there are five members, you will make the first and sixth move on each board, regardless of the number of boards played. If there are four players on each team and eight boards are played, an interesting arrangement is to start the players at Boards 1, 3, 5 and 7.

Such games may be scored if desired; this allows the players to study the games after their completion and determine who made the fatal blunder.

For A Chess Scrapbook

It is desirable that the science of the chess-board should be cultivated in our public schools; especially as we already learn there are many tiresome things which weary the boy and are of no use to the man. There is, at the bottom of the game of chess, a wonderful fund of practical philosophy. Our life is a perpetual duel between ourselves and destiny. The world is a chess-board, on which we push our pieces, often at hazard, against a train of circumstances which give us mate at every step.

—George Walker (1840) quoted in Practical Chess

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

TOURNAMENT NOTES: In the New York preliminary women's tournament, Mrs. G. K. Gresser, former U. S. Women's Champion, has assumed a commanding lead and is certain to finish an easy first, probably followed closely by Miss Elizabeth Wray.

CHESS LIFE readers will no be surprised to learn that Dr. Joseph Platz has been awarded a special prize by the officials of the Metropolitan Chess League, as a reward for his beautiful play in a game against J. L. Clark of the London Terrace Chess Club.

Rapid Transit fever has come with the Summer, and the weekly events at the four clubs which hold them have been attracting record entries. A recent rapid at the Marshall Chess Club, won by Olaf Ulvestad, had 26 entries. Imagine playing 25 games in a single evening, and against some of the best opposition available in the country!

The Manhattan Chess Club is making a real effort to prepare its players for the Open and National Tournaments this Summer. As a real warm-up, and to provide all the thrills of an international tournament, an eight-man "Experts Tourney" is under way with an imposing lineup which includes Pinkus, Kashdan, Bisguier, Kramer, Donald Byrne, Boris Siff, James Williams (former German master) and Brazilian diplomat A. Vasconcellos. Bisguier and Kramer have taken the lead in the opening rounds, and my prediction is that neither Kashdan nor Pinkus, their reputations notwithstanding, will be able to win this event!

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Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., Newport, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

OUR next issue will contain a report on CHESS LIFE'S Task Composing Competition with the six best problems diagrammed and the remainder of the competing entries given in Forsythe notation.

Question: What are the differences between pure, model and mirror mates?

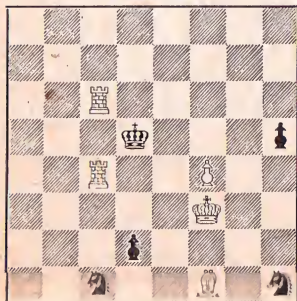
Answer: In a pure mate each square in the Black King's field is guarded or blocked singly. It is spoken of as an economical mate when every White piece with the optional exception of the King and Pawns are used in the mate.

A model mate is one that is both pure and economical. When the Black King's field is occupied by no other piece, the mate is called a mirror, and a mirror that is also pure and economical is spoken of as a mirror model.

Question: Will you explain the words "Critical" and "Anti-critical" as applied in chess problems?

Answer: A Critical Square denotes one that must be crossed by either a White or Black piece before an offensive or defensive manoeuvre can be carried out successfully. Such a move, getting rid of a critical objection, whether made by White as a key or by Black in defending a threat, is called Anti-Critical. But when Black's play introduces the critical objection, to his disadvantage, he is said to make a Critical Move.

Problem No. 33
By Knud A. Rasmussen
Richvale, Ont., Canada
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 5 men



White: 5 men
8, 8, 2R1, 2B1, 2P2,
5K2, 3d1, 2d1h1
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 33, by a well known Canadian problem builder, Knud Rasmussen, is an easy but neat and pretty composition exhibiting six royal battery checks.

Problem No. 34 is a more complicated and intricate composition with a very good key and excellent variety. Mr. Lundberg has composed some very fine problems and I firmly believe CHESS LIFE's solvers will vote this to be one of his very best creations.

Mr. Burney Marshall, composer of Problem No. 23 of CHESS LIFE, writes: "Problem No. 23 may be corrected by substituting Black Knight on QB6 in place of Black Pawn."

Solutions:

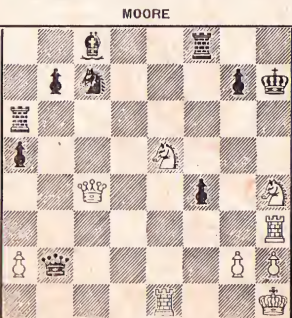
Quite a few of our contributing composers seem to have the affliction lately, known as "cookitis." The most recent evidence of this is Problem No. 29. The author's intention: 1. P-R4, K-B6; 2. R-R1, any; 3. R-K5. If 1. P-Q7; 2. R-R3 ch, P-B6; 3. RXP, if P-B6; 2. R-R1, any; 3. R-R3. The "cook" is: 1. Kt-K6, threat; 2. R-K1 ch and 3. Kt-R4. If 1. P-Q7; 2. R-R3 ch, P-B6; 3. RXP, if 1. K-B6; 2. Kt-R4 ch, K-R6; 3. R-K1. The solution to Problem No. 30 is: 1. Kt-K6, threat; 2. R-Q4 with triple threat to mate by 3. R-K4, Q-Q2 and Kt-B2. If 1. K-B6; 2. RXP ch, R-R3; 3. Q-B3, if 2. K-R6; 3. R-R7. If 1. Kt-K6, threat; 2. R-Q4 ch, Kt-R3; 3. Kt-B2. If 2. K-B6; 3. Q-B3, if 1. K-B6; 2. R-K7 ch, K-B5; 3. RXP, if 1. K-B6; 2. R-Q4 ch, K-R5; 2. Q or R-Q4, if 1. P-B4; 2. Kt-B2 ch, K-B5; 3. R-Q4, if 1. K-B6; 2. R-Q4, K-R5; 3. R-R7, if 2. K-B6; 3. mate accordingly. In variation above given as 1. P-R4 this move does not seem a defense against the threat 2. R-Q4, hence can not be regarded as a distinct variation. The key move is excellent and quiet, second move is not obvious. Regarded by solvers as a very pleasing and puzzling three-mover.

Solvers who submitted two solutions to Problem No. 29 and the correct solution to Problem No. 30 were: Peter Korf (Grand Rapids, Mich.), and N. Gabor (Cincinnati, Ohio). The following solvers submitted the "cook" key to Problem No. 29 and the correct solution to Problem No. 30: Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit, Mich.), T. Lundberg (Dallas, Tex.), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.), James Bolton (New Haven).

Awards in the CHESS LIFE Composing Tourney will be published in an early issue, together with diagrams of the winning and honored problems and the comments of the Tourney Judges.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojman



MOORE
2h2r, 1p3pk, r7, p8S3,
3Q2d8, 7R, P4fPP, 4R2K
White plays and Black resigns

Noting with envy the success of our fellow-columnist, George Koltanowski with his "What's the Best Move?", we cannot resist the temptation to print a position ourselves. Our position is a pretty one of many years ago, and it is an excellent example of the fact that the talented Sam Loyd knew how to introduce into actual play over the board those same surprising and brilliant moves which made him the prince of problem composers for so many years. In the position printed here, Loyd made one problem-like move, Black though long and hard—then resigned. See if you can find Loyd's unanswerable threat of regicide. Solution on page six.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

The Heat of the Battle

REPULSING threats is second nature to the great master. By the time he has reached the heights in international play, he is able to parry threats almost automatically; he provides for them generally long before they arise. Such defensive play is an art we do not always appreciate, for we do not concern ourselves overmuch with possibilities which remain lost in the limbo of "what might have been." It is the occasion on which the master falters, that are enshrined in chess history.

BISHOP'S GAMBIT

Birmingham, 1937

White:	Black:
J. SILVERMAN	E. ELISKASES
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-KB4	PXP
3. B-B4	Kt-KB3
4. Kt-OB3	P-B3
5. Kt-B3	P-Q4
6. PXP	PXP

Black has played logically enough to block the dangerous Bishop's diagonal; yet ultimately the game is decided against him on just this diagonal!

Striving for the classic attack on the King's Bishop file, White seeks the removal of the irritating stumbling-block at his KB4.

10. PxB BxKt
11. K-R2 Q-Kt3ch
12. K-R1 Kt-K5

Interesting enough, White could have played 13 KtXP, for if 13... Kt-B7ch; 14 RxKt, QxR; 15 Kt-B7 etc.

13. P-Q5
14. Kt-Q5 BxKt
15. BxB Kt-K6

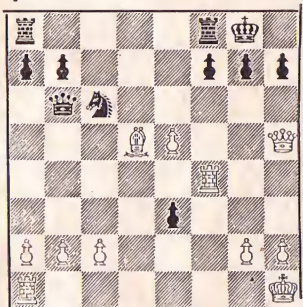
Eliskases has selected a dangerous course by permitting White full mastery of the mighty diagonal, but he feels that he has ample resources to weather the attack.

16. BxKt QPx8
And not 16... BPxB?; 17 RXP!, RgR; 18 R-KM1 with a winning game. The attack is shaping up!

17. RXP Kt-B3

This is the move on which Black relied, although 18 BxKt, QXP; 19 QR-KB1, PxB; 20 QXP or 18... PxB; 19 P-QKt3 is in White's fa-

vor. But Silverman prefers to continue the attack.
18. Q-R5
If 18 R-K4?, KtXP!; 19 RxKt, QXP etc.



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Ten Second Chess Tournays Made Easy By Electric Clock

By Gene Collett

Club members who tire of banging a bell or yelling "Move!" every 10 seconds during lightning chess matches might borrow an idea from A. W. (Art) Fey of Hazleton, Pa., and make a 10-second clock.

Although Fey's clock is not the only one of its sort made by U. S. chess players, it is a good one and its construction is simple. The accompanying diagram shows how anyone with a little mechanical skill can make such a clock. (This diagram will appear in the forthcoming USCF Club Manual.)

Several years ago Art noticed some members of his club played very slowly. He believed if they could be persuaded to play 10-second chess, it would speed up their game. And he thought a novelty like a 10-second clock would help do the persuading.

"The idea of applying 10-second operation to an electric clock, which had the usual one-second sweep hand, was immediate," says Art. "The practical application of the idea required a few hours of experimentation. I soon found that a celluloid clock face cover is much easier to pierce than a glass cover when applying the 10-second contacts."

"I've made about a half dozen of the 10-second clocks for friends but have never commercialized the idea."

One of these Fey-made clocks has been used for rapid transit meets at the Pittsburgh Downtown YMCA Chess Club for the last two years and, at last reports, was still giving excellent service. It rings a buzzer (or a bell, if de-

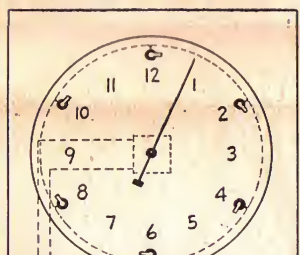
sired) every 10 seconds, signalling the contestants to play.

Among Fey's other chess inventions is the Chess Game Recorder. This can be contained in a playing table, and there are electric connections from each square. As the game proceeds a wax coated tape emerges from the front of the recorder, bearing a record of the match. The files are lettered across, the ranks number. If the first player (white) on his first move plays P-K4, the tape will read E2 E4, showing the squares from which and to which the moves were made.

Fey completed work on the recorder about two years ago and obtained his patent January of this year.

Although Art has not lost his interest in chess, he has been devoting much of his inventive ability in recent months to another hobby, magic. His "Arteda appearing top hat effect" was published in a magic periodical last October, and he has originated several other magical effects.

WIRING DIAGRAM OF 'RAPID TRANSIT' CHESS TIMING RECORDER



AT 12, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 HOLES ARE DRILLED IN CLOCK FACE THRU WHICH ARE EXTENDED STRANDS OF FINE WIRE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SECOND HAND. ALL SIX STRANDS ARE CONNECTED ELECTRICALLY AND LINE IS RUN TO BELL TRANSFORMER. WIRE THRU HOLES SHOULD BE FINE SO AS NOT TO STOP THE SECOND HAND

METAL HOUSING HAS CONTACT WITH SWEEP SECOND HAND.

THE CONDENSER IS NECESSARY ONLY TO PREVENT RADIO INTERFERENCE

BELL OR BUZZER CAN BE SILENCED BY PUTTING IN SMALL BOX OR BY WRAPPING WITH FRICTION TAPE.

CUT OUT SWITCH IS OPTIONAL

CLOCK MECHANISM AND BELL SYSTEM MAY BE HOOKED UP TO SINGLE OUTLET PLUG LIKE THIS.

PROVIDING CLOCK FACE IS NON-CONDUCTIVE, WIRING MAY BE VARIED FROM ABOVE METHOD BY ATTACHING A SHORT LENGTH OF FINE WIRE TO SECOND HAND THEREBY MAKING 'BRUSH CONTACT' WITH RIGID CONTACT POINTS

WINKELMAN WINS FRANKLIN TITLE

B. F. Winkelman, author of "Modern Chess Endings", won the championship of the Franklin Chess Club of Philadelphia and custody of the George W. Childs Cup by defeating Sydney T. Sharp in the final round of a hotly contested tournament. Sharp finished second, with Ash third, Glover fourth and Driver fifth.

Last year both Sharpe and Winkelman were undefeated in a 12 round tourney.

CHESS GAINS OFFICIAL NOTICE

Chess in Denver (Colo.) received an official recognition when The Citizen, a newspaper published for the benefit of 8,000 State and Municipal employees, devoted space to recording the number of Denver and Colorado officials who are engaged in chess playing.

Numbered among these were Earle Pollock, secretary of the Public Utilities Commission, who in his more serious moments is vice-president of the Denver YMCA Chess Club; W. George Denny, Jr., auditor of PUC; C. L. Flower, assistant engineer of PUC; John Weiz, senior auditor of PUC; and Merrill McKnight, investigator for PUC.

Other statehouse chess enthusiasts, discovered by The Citizen, were: Berton T. Gobbie, inheritance tax commissioner for Colorado; and the following members of the civil service commission: Jack DeVivier, Laurence Phelps, Rufus C. Browning, Fred Fenger, and Charles Hauser.

In a recent exhibition, Weaver W. Adams gave a simultaneous at the University Club against some 32 enthusiasts, and followed the exhibition with his usual instructive lecture.

SACRAMENTO TIES MODESTO IN MEET

In a four-way chess match held at Modesto (Calif.), Sacramento and Modesto Chess Clubs tied for first with 13-1 each; Stockton was third with 1-0; and Fresno fourth with 0-2. Results of the individual matches were:

Sacramento	6 1/2	Fresno	2 1/2
Modesto	6	Stockton	1
Sacramento	4	Modesto	4
Stockton	3	Fresno	2

NEW ENGLAND HAD 11 MAN PRELIM.

Added details on the New England Championship Preliminary for the U. S. Championship reveal that the winner, Anthony Suraci, as reported in CHESS LIFE June 20, gained his title in a playoff of a three-way tie with 1947 Connecticut State Champion Tapp Taves and former Connecticut State Champion Emanuel Resnick. The tourney and playoff games were contested in the New Haven RRYMCA.

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TORONTO LEAGUE HOLDS FESTIVAL

The annual Spring Festival of the Toronto Chess League was a well attended affair at the Labor Temple in Toronto. E. T. Jewitt received the Bouckley trophy from the hands of the donor for the most brilliant game in the 1948 Toronto Championship. Hart House and Gambit Chess Club received joint custody of the major league team championship shield, while Hart House topped the honors by receiving sole custody of the intermediate and minor league cups—presentation was made by G. Coyne.

Twelve groups of speed tournaments were conducted by B. Freedman with the following winners: 1. N. K. Glasberg; 2. E. Scanlan; 3. R. Siemms; 4. J. B. MacDonald and J. Shebylo tied; 5. W. Pickering; 6. F. Jackson and W. Bettridge tied; 7. A. Alakoski; 8. W. Humpage; 9. R. Dover; 10. L. A. Shackleton; 11. F. R. Andersone; 12. C. Allingham and P. Carey tied.

Anderson and Gasberg gave a tandem simultaneous with 13 wins, one loss to J. Shebylo and two draws, against R. Orlando and Jewitt. H. Rideout also gave a simultaneous, scoring six wins, five losses and two draws. The losses were to L. Siemms, J. Mann, E. J. Talvila, F. H. Armstrong and C. E. Ruddell; the draws to J. B. MacDonald and E. J. Halbert.

H. G. Martin and F. W. Watson furnished an interesting set of problems for a problem solving tourney which proved difficult even for the most experienced and ardent solvers.

PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE

Final standings of the Puget Sound Chess League confirmed the victory (without loss) of the Tacoma Chess Club, with University Chess Club second and Everett Chess Club third.

Puget Sound League	8-0
Tacoma Chess Club	6 1/2-1 1/2
University Chess Club	6 1/2-1 1/2
Everett Chess Club	4-3 1/2
Kitsap Chess Club	4-4
Seattle Chess Club	3 1/2-4 1/2
Olympia Chess Club	3 1/2-4 1/2
Skagit Chess Club	3-5
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SWALES TAKES BEACHES TITLE

David R. Swales captured the championship of the Beaches (Toronto) Chess Club with a score of 6-1. J. Good, Jr. was second with 4-2 1/2, while A. Worth and T. Crossley tied for third with 4-3 each.

TWIN FALLS WINS FROM BOISE YMCA

By a score of 9-1 the Twin Falls (Idaho) Chess Club won in a five-man double-round match with the Boise YMCA Chess Club at the Rigerson Hotel in Twin Falls. Idaho State Champion C. H. Stewart gave Boise its single point by winning one of his two games.

RETI OPENING

Manhattan Chess Club Championship, New York, 1947

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White	Black
A. KEVITZ	A. S. DENKER
1. Kt-K3	P-Q4
2. P-B4	P-QB3
3. P-QK3	B-B4
4. P-KK3	Kt-B3
5. B-KK2	Q-K2
6. A. S. DENKER	P-K3
7. O-O	B-Q3
8. P-Q3	P-Q3
9. P-Q3	P-Q3
10. P-Q3	P-Q3

Unusual: It is customary to wait for P-K4 before playing this move. Thus: 9. Q-K1-Q2, P-K4; 10. P-Q3, P-Q3; 11. P-Q4, etc. The text should be answered by 9... B-P3! to reinforce the center and open the QB file for counterplay.

11. P-Q4 P-Q3 B-KK15

Because of his faulty ninth move, Black dare not allow the opening of the K-file. If 11... Kt-R3 or 11... BxP; 12. Kt-R4! is decisive. For example: 11... BxP; 12. Kt-R4, BxP; 13. Kt-B5! wins.

12. Q-K1-Q2 B-K4 15. Kt-Q4 Q-R1

13. Q-B2 BxR 16. P-KR3 B-K3

14. QxR O-O

After 16... P-R4 there is a standing danger of P-K4, P-R4 etc. and at last Black's B remains completely out of play.

17. P-B4 Kt-B4 19. P-K5 Kt-R4

18. Kt-B4 QxKt 20. R-D3! Black would like to have a bad way.

20. R-B3 R-Q6 22. O-O! Q-K3

21. R-R4 Kt-R4

After 22... Q-K3 DENKER

23. Kt-K4! Kt-Q6 26. K-R2 Q-R4

24. P-Kt Kt-P 27. Kt-K3 QxP

25. Q-Q2 Kt-P 28. Kt-K3 QxP

26. Kt-K4! 29. R-B5! wins.

27. Q-KK4 29. Q-Q6! Q-Q1

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50. P-QK4	K-K1	51. Kt-Q3	K-B1
52. Kt-Q3	K-K2	52. Kt-B4	53. Kt-B4
53. Kt-RP	K-K3	60. P-K17	BxP
54. Kt-R7	ch K-B4	61. Kt-B8	P-KB5
55. Kt-K1P	K-K15	63. Kt-Q3	K-KB4
56. Kt-Q6	B-K4	64. Kt-KB2	K-B5
57. P-K15	B-Q2	65. P-K15	K-K6
58. P-R4	P-KB4	66. Kt-R3	KxP
59. P-K16	B-B3	67. P-R6	Resigns

Fourth and deciding game in the playoff for the Kansas Championship.

MERAN DEFENSE

Montreal City Championship
Montreal, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	Black
P. BRUNET	W. TENNENBAUM
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. Kt-KB3	P-QB3
3. P-B4	Kt-B3
4. Kt-B3	P-K3
5. P-K3	Q-K2

An alternative is 5... O-O. But if White is to get a P-K4 move in this variation, 9... P-K4 seems to be necessary.

9... P-B4 11. Kt-KtP P-Kt

10. P-K5 PxP 12. P-Kt Q-K3

This move, introduced by Keres within the last year or so, put new life into an old variation. Recent analysis however, gives White the edge.

13. PxP BxP 14. B-Q2

14. P-QK4 has been tried here to prevent P-K5 by Black, a move which seemed to give Black considerable pressure on the Q-side. After the text Black might well try the same idea.

15. B-K4 B-K12 16. O-O O-O

Well worth considering would be 16... Kt-B3; 17. QxKt, P-B3 and 18... K-B2. In such an open position the advantage of two Bs is very tangible.

17. Kt-K5 P-R3

If 17... P-B4; 18. BxKt, QxR; 19. Kt-KP? Q-B3; 20. Kt-B4, B-K4; 21. Q-Kt3 ch, K-R1; 22. Q-R1 (not 22. BxKt, Q-K5); Q-Q8!

But White can interpolate 19. Q-R5, P-B3; 20. Kt-P3, Q-B3; 21. Q-Kt6, R-B2; 22. BxP! 18. BxKt

Here White fails to find the best move in a very delicate position. Correct is 18. BxR ch, K-R1; 19. Q-R5! threatening 20. BxKt, QxR; 21. Kt-Kt ch winning the Q. 18... QxR 19. Kt-K4

With 19. B-K4, BxR; 20. Kt-B4, Q-Q4; 21. Q-Kt1 White can avoid the immediate loss of a P, but his position would be very unattractive.

20. Q-Q4 O-O P-B3

Because of the threatened P-B4 by Black 20. Q-Kt3, QxQ, etc. would leave Black much better chances because of his two Bs.

White threatened 22. Kt-B6 ch, BxKt; 23. Q-R1, R-K1; 24. B-R7 ch, BxKt; 25. Kt-R4, P-R5; 26. BxP! after which the chances appear about even.

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The surprise move which turns the tide. No doubt Black expected 24. Kt-Q4, P-Q5; 25. BxQ, R-K15, etc.

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WEAVER ADAMS WINS OPEN

NEW ENGLAND CHAMP COMES FROM BEHIND TO WIN TITLE

Kramer, Kashdan, Ulvestad Share Second Place In Three-Way Tie

SPECIAL: Staging a brilliant recovery after a poor start, Weaver W. Adams won the U.S. Open Championship at Baltimore with a score of 9½-2½. Losing 1½ points in the first four rounds, Adams then settled down and in championship form only lost 1 point in the remaining eight rounds. Coming from behind he passed up Kashdan to whom he had given a 1½ point advantage in the first four rounds.

George Kramer, Isaac Kashdan, and Olaf Ulvestad finished in a three-way tie for third with 9-3 each. Fifth place was shared in a four-way tie between Max Pavey, Arthur Bisguier, Robert Steinmeyer and Albert S. Pinkus with 8½-3½ each.

First Four Rounds

At the end of the first four rounds of play, little had been determined in the U. S. Open Championship, except the separation of the players into two general groups—those who had a chance to win the title, and those who were out of the running as far as first honors were concerned. This is typical of a Swiss system, particularly in a large tournament such as the one at Baltimore with its 74 contestants.

Leading at the end of four rounds were Isaac Kashdan and Max Pavey with 4-0 each. Kashdan had disposed of Jenkins, Nash, Bain and Pinick, while Pavey had bested Byland, Shipman, Daly and Donovan. Next in line with 3½ each were Dr. Mengarini and Anthony Santasiere. Mengarini had defeated LeCornu, Hartleb and Shapiro and drew with Stark; while Santasiere had won from Ilderton, Simpson, McCord and drawn with Steinmeyer. To this group could be added Hayes, Kramer, Pinkus, and Stark, if each of these won an adjourned game.

Those with the score of 3-1 were Bain, Bisguier, Daly, Donovan, Evans, Isaacs, Kilmer, Kujoth, Pinick, Shipman, Steinmeyer.

Standings (1st Four Rounds)

of Leading Players	
Kashdan	4-0
Pavey	4-0
Mengarini	3½-1
Santasiere	3½-1
Bain	3-1
Bisguier	3-1
Daly	3-1
Donovan	3-1
Evans	3-1
Isaacs	3-1
Kilmer	3-1
Kujoth	3-1
Pinick	3-1
Shipman	3-1
Steinmeyer	3-1
Hayes	2½-1½
Kramer	2½-1½
Pinkus	2½-1½
Stark	2½-1½
Adams	2-2½
Barusch	2-1½
Byland	2-1½
Hobson	2-1½
McCormick	2-1½
Shapiro	2-1½
Southern	2-1½
Whittaker	2-1½

EASTMAN TIES SCHMIDT FOR TITLE

In a close battle for the Michigan State Championship former State Champions George Eastman and Dr. Bruno W. Schmidt ended in a tie for the title with 5½-1½, drawing their individual game. Eastman drew with E. J. Van Sweden and Leon Stolzenberg as well, while Dr. Schmidt lost one game outright to Van Sweden. By a curious coincidence the two 1948 cotitle holders were tied for second place last year with 5½-2½ in a tournament in which Leon Stolzenberg regained the championship after several years of retirement.

Third place in the 1948 meeting at Battle Creek went to retiring State Ass'n President E. J. Van Sweden with 5-2, losing no games but drawing with Eastman, Stolzenberg, Buskager and Hyde. Fourth place went to former State Champion Leon Stolzenberg with 3-4.

At the annual meeting of the Michigan Chess Ass'n, V. E. Vandepburg (Lansing) was elected president, Eli Van Sweden (Grand Rapids) vice-president, Reuben Buskager (Battle Creek) secretary-treasurer. A. W. Palmi and Frank Hollway retained the permanent rank of honorary vice-presidents.

QUALIFY HOWARD IN NEW JERSEY

As a result of the added Preliminary Tourney held in New Jersey, Franklin Howard of East Orange was qualified to play in the 1948 U. S. Championship Tournament at South Fallsburg, N. Y. This tourney was a supplement to the Area Preliminaries held in Philadelphia earlier.

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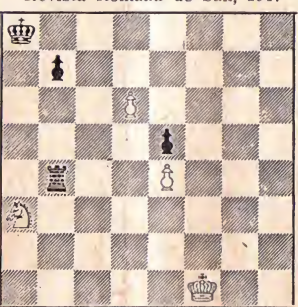
Twenty-one players are eligible to contest for the title of U. S. Champion in the 1948 Biennial Championship to be held at South Fallsburg in August. These represent the seeded U. S. Open Champions of 1946 and 1947, Herman Steiner and Isaac Kashdan; the defending U. S. Champion Samuel Reshevsky, Reuben Fine, and seventeen qualifiers from the various Area Preliminary Tournaments.

The 1948 U. S. Open Champion may be qualified if one of the original players fails to enter, and other vacancies may be filled by

the decision of the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee.

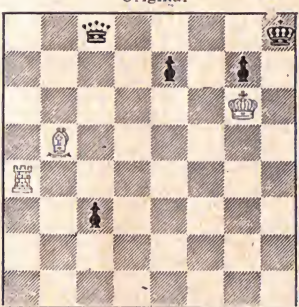
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Sven Almgren	Samuel Reshevsky
Los Angeles, Calif.	Rosbury, Mass.
Larry Evans	Sol Rubinfeld
New York, N.Y.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Reuben Fine	Albert Sandrin, Jr.
Los Angeles, Calif.	Chicago, Ill.
Irving Heitner	Anthony Santasiere
New York, N.Y.	New York, N.Y.
H. V. Hesse	George Shainswit
Bethlehem, Pa.	New York, N.Y.
Franklin Howard	Walter Shipman
East Orange, N.J.	New York, N.Y.
Bill Jones	Herman Steiner
Lefroy, Texas	Los Angeles, Calif.
Isaac Kashdan	Anthony Suraci
New York, N.Y.	New Haven, Conn.
George Kramer	N. T. Whitaker
New York, N.Y.	Shady Side, Md.
Dr. Joseph Platz	
New York, N.Y.	

Position No. 25
By Sigmund Herland (Bucharest)
Revista Romana de Sah, 1947



S7, 8, 5K2
K7, 1p6, 3P4, 4p3, 1x2P5,
White to play and win

Position No. 26
By Guilherme Groesser (Chicago)
Original



2q4k, 4p1p1, 6K1, 1E6, R7,
2p5, 8, 8,
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Position No. 25 centers on the struggle to queen the Pawn on Q6; the key is not too difficult, but the maneuvering takes deftness in several variations. Position No. 26 is a somewhat old idea in a rather simple setting, but must be approached with an exact mind, as a inversion of sequence permits Black to draw with ease.

Solution will be published in the August 20th issue.

TO THE CHESS PLAYERS OF AMERICA

The tournament for the chess championship of the United States to be held at South Fallsburg, New York, August 10-31 will be one of the finest chess events ever held in the United States. The finalists will include a number of the rapidly rising younger stars who will compete with the more seasoned veterans for the nation's top honors in chess. Every section of the country will be represented.

The people of South Fallsburg are being most generous and gracious in their preparations to act as hosts to our national championship tourney. It is now up to the chess players of the entire country to respond in providing a tournament fund consistent with all of the other arrangements. Our goal is a fund of five thousand dollars in order that the first prize may be in keeping with the dignity of the title of national champion and other prizes may be in proportion. In addition to the prize money, there are other expenses of the tournament which must be met, including the travel of the players from their homes to the scene of play.

As chairman of the Finance Committee, I hereby call upon every loyal devotee of the great game of chess to support this outstanding event. Every contribution will be personally acknowledged. Please make your check payable to: U.S. Chess Federation 1948 Championship Tournament Fund, and mail to Room 807, No. 258 Broadway, New York 7, N.Y.

Fraternally yours,
HAROLD M. PHILLIPS
Chairman, Finance Committee
258 Broadway, New York 7, N.Y.

Strong Field Musters At Baltimore In Very Representative U. S. Open

Players from twenty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and two Canadian Provinces make the 1948 U. S. Open Championship one of the most representative of the whole series. Among the seventy-four contestants are champions galore. Defending Champion Isaac Kashdan faces three former Open Champions in Herman Steiner (1946), Anthony E. Santasiere (1945) and Norman Whitaker (1930). 1948 Speed Champion Max Pavey and 1946 Masters Reserve Champion Dr. Ariel Mengarini are among the contenders. State Champions are Richard Kujoth (Wisconsin) and Alfred Ludwig (Nebraska) with former State Champion George Kramer of New York.

Weaver W. Adams (New England Champion), Osias Bain (Quebec Provincial Champion) Arturo Colon (Puerto Rico Champion) are other formidable contestants, together with the strong New York group of Larry Evans (Marshall Club Champion), Arthur Bisguier (Manhattan Club Champion), Albert S. Pinkus and Oscar Tenner. Robert Steinmeyer (St. Louis District Champion), Olaf Ulvestad of Washington and veteran Lewis J. Isaacs of Chicago, together with

Oscar Shapiro (Washington, D.C. Champion), Martin Stark and Southern Ass'n President Martin Southern are other formidable names on the list.

And we cannot ignore the youth challenge of Philip LeCornu (Detroit Junior Champion), Gerry Sullivan (Southern Ass'n Junior Champion), Jackie Mayer (Kentucky Junior Champion), and Robert Ilderton (Maryland Junior Champion).

SULLIVAN WINS SO. ASS'N TITLE

In what was probably the closest finish in the history of the Southern Chess Ass'n, J. G. Sullivan, Jr. won the 27th annual Southern Chess Ass'n Championship at Augusta, Ga. The 18-year old former Junior Champion of the Southern Ass'n was tied in points for first with Major J. B. Holt but was awarded the title on a Sonneborn-Berger breakdown.

A. T. Henderson, Nestor Hernandez and Martin Southern finished in that order for third, fourth and fifth on a Sonneborn-Berger rating, being tied in points, while Arthur Montano finished sixth and H. A. Mouzon, the new South Carolina champion, seventh.

Twenty-one players participated in the championship tournament held at Augusta, Ga. with the Georgia Chess Ass'n acting as host for the occasion.

Southern Association Championship	
J. G. Sullivan, Jr.	5½-1½ 11½
Major J. B. Holt	5½-1½ 11½
A. T. Henderson	5-2 8½
Nestor Hernandez	5-2 8½
Martin Southern	5-2 8
Arthur Montano	4½-2½ 7½
H. A. Mouzon	4-3 6½
Robert Coveyou	4-3 6½
Albert Bowen	4-3 6
Ross Owens	3½-3½ 4½
L. D. Martin	3½-3½ 4
W. H. Martin	3-4 3½
Eljah Brown	3-4 3½
Jude R. D. Fonglin	3-4 2½
Paul Barton	2½-4½ 3½
M. H. Davis	2½-4½ 3½
Albert Walker	2½-4½ 2½
Edgar Ferguson	2½-4½ 2½
Paul Cromelin	2-5 2½
Bernard Klein	1½-5½ 1½
Fielder Shipman	1-6 1

M. FOX REGAINS MONTREAL TITLE

Coming from several years of retirement from tournament chess Maurice Fox (Canadian Champion in 1940) proved that the rest had not been rust when he captured the Montreal City Championship by the score of 14-2, to lead the field by a clear point and a half. M. Guze (Montreal and Quebec Provincial Speed Champion) edged out the retiring champion, Dr. Joseph Rauch, for second place with 12½-3½ while Dr. Rauch finished third with 12-4. D. M. LeDain was tournament director.

The Major Open Championship was won by J. Emile Patenaude of the Verdun Chess Club from a field of 48 contestants. D. Parent of the Montreal Chess Club placed second.

Presentation of the Mayor Napoleon Courtemanche Trophy and other prizes took place in the Montreal East City Hall on July 11, at which occasion the annual East vs. West was played with E. Brisebois, president of the Montreal Chess League, as team captain for the East, and D. LeDain captain for the West.

Montreal City Championship	
M. Fox	14-2 8½-7½
M. Guze	13½-3½ 8½-7½
Dr. J. Rauch	12-4 6½-9½
P. Brunet	11-5 6½-9½
E. Brisebois	10½-5½ 5-11
E. Hays	10½-5½ 5-11
Tennenbaum	9½-6½ 5-11
A. Tangway	9-7 4-8
M. Cohen	9-7 4-8
J. Gersho	8½-7½ 4-8
Bedard	retired after the sixth round.

U. S. Open Championship Contenders Listed on Page 5.

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LET THOSE WHO GO NOT, ENVY

Wisdom has made easy the vacation plans of many for the summer month of August. For those who were wise (as, alas, this writer could not be) have set their plans well in advance and have their reservations made for South Fallsburg, New York during the weeks of August 10-31.

Reward for their sagacity will be the spectacle of the Seventh Biennial U. S. Championship Tournament in a setting close to the perfection of which the idealist might dream. For not only does the tournament itself promise thrills, as the growing hosts of youthful challengers face their veteran opponents, but as well there are so many attractions to tempt the mind away from the chess-board and the championship contenders in those moments when the play seems a trifle dull because the mind has grown momentarily surfeited with so much chess.

South Fallsburg lies along the trail of the beautiful Neversink and receives its name from the Falls of this majestic River. It is set within an area of great beauty, with mountains and forests, with lakes and streams that sparkle and shimmer.

As a vacation-land it is a paradise of variety with wooded trails and bridal paths for the equestrian, links full of natural beauty for the golfer, courts for the tennis-player, the devotee of handball, baseball, basketball, volley-ball, ping-pong and pools and streams for all aquatic sports from swimming and canoeing to fishing.

Outstanding Broadway and Radio talent present entertainment at night, while there is music for the dancer and a modern Movie Theater for the cinematic fan.

All this — and CHESS too, forms a combination that it is difficult to top as a vacation attraction. So if the reader has not already made his choice in wisdom, he has still time to repent. A note to the Chamber of Commerce, South Fallsburg, N.Y. will bring him all details on transportation and accommodation at any one of the many popular resort hotels that circle the town of South Fallsburg.

Write today, is the suggestion which this writer would adopt for his own guidance, did not CHESS LIFE chain him to Chicago with iron shackles. And let those who do not go, be envious!

Montgomery Major

The United States Chess Championship will be held at South Fallsburg, New York, from August 10 to August 31. Those wishing to be present during any part of the tournament should write to the Chamber of Commerce, South Fallsburg, New York, for information.

PLANS FOR FUTURE LAID AT BALTIMORE

(Letter No. 54)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, United States Chess Federation

The 49th Annual Congress of the USCF just held at Baltimore was one of the most inspiring which I have been privileged to attend. The meeting was well attended and the Open Championship Tournament presented an entry list to match in playing strength any that have gone before it.

The Directors' sessions were attended by 30 Directors representing 14 different States, an incentive to roll up our sleeves and go to work, and many items of business were threshed out which are of basic importance to the USCF and its program. Of immediate interest is the resolution which was passed providing that the winner of the current Open Championship Tournament (as well as the winner of the Open in '49) shall qualify for the U. S. Championship Tournament in 1950. Should any vacancy exist in the entry list at South Fallsburg, the winner of the Baltimore Open will likewise qualify to play in the '48 Championship tourney.

The Directors unanimously adopted the new "National Chess Coordination Plan," which will be of far reaching importance in the further development of the Federation. Effective January 1, 1949, this plan provides a new and more effective pattern of USCF organization and functions. Of even greater importance, it will bring about active participation in the national program by the affiliated State Chapters of the USCF.

To carry the work of the numerous functions of the USCF, the Executive Committee was increased by the addition of three new Vice-Presidencies. As Mr. J. C. Thompson of Dallas and Mr. N. P. Wigginton of Washington, D.C. retired after two years of service, there were five new members elected to the Executive Committee. These are Mr. Milton Finkelstein of New York, Mr. J. B. Gee of Sacramento, California, Dr. Bela Rozsa of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Martin Southern of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Mr. Richard W. Wayne of Ventnor City, New Jersey, each of whom brings a record of brilliant accomplishment to the USCF. I need hardly add that I am delighted to welcome these men as co-workers in the Federation program.

Mr. William M. Byland of Pittsburgh, Mr. George E. Roosevelt of New York and Mr. Herman Steiner of Los Angeles were re-elected to

their posts as Vice-Presidents, and Mr. Edward I. Treend of Detroit was re-elected Secretary. Mr. Paul G. Giers of Syracuse, N.Y. was re-appointed as Treasurer. Mr. Giers' term as Executive Vice-President runs until 1949 and was not subject to re-election this year. These men who have already proved their worth in years of service to the USCF with the new comers named above, will give the Federation its strongest body of officers in the history of the organization. They will have in addition the counsel of Mr. Maurice S. Kuhns, President Emeritus, who is properly regarded as the Nestor of chess promotion.

Much will be written about the Open Championship Tournament of 1948. Its history would not be complete without a word of tribute to the hard working Tournament Committee of Messrs Ira Lovett, George M. Lapoint, David Bentz, Charles Barasch, R. T. Smith, Jack Stone, Albert Tralins, Ethelbert Talbot, Graydon Schreiber, Dr. Robert W. Garis, and to Mr. Hans Kmoch, Tournament Director, who quietly but effectively kept the business of the tournament running smoothly and without interruption.

From the USCF Club Manual

Conducted by Gene Collett

With the African Ivories

"CHESS With Dice" is a little novelty game, played with standard board and men, and a pair of dice, which has been passed along by Blindfold Chessmaster George Koltanowski of Santa Rosa, Calif., for use in the USCF Club Manual.

It is ideal for a club's fun session because it gives a beginner, or a lady guest who may not be a strong player, a chance to whip the club expert.

The games are over quickly and a tournament with 20 or 30 players can be run off in a couple of hours. The rules:—

- 1) The men are placed on the board as for chess. Choice of color is immaterial. Each player has one die.
- 2) At the beginning of the game, each player rolls his die. High scorer gets first play. The players roll alternately thereafter.
- 3) Moves on the board are decided by the roll of the die. If 1 comes up, a Pawn is moved; if 2, a Bishop; if 3, a Knight; if 4, a Rook; if 5, the Queen; if 6, the King.
- 4) A player must move when able to do so. If he is unable to move as indicated by the fall of his die, he loses that turn to play.
- 5) Object of the game is to capture the opponent's King, rather than to effect checkmate. A King or both Kings may remain in check several moves before either can be captured. A King may be moved into check or to a square adjoining the opposite King if the player wishes to take the risk.
- 6) A player may castle under the ordinary rules of chess on a roll of either 4 or 6 (Rook or King) though this is seldom done—usually the King has been moved before the Bishop and Knight can be gotten out of the way.
- 7) Capture of the opposite King ends the game.
- 8) Except as otherwise specified, the ordinary Laws of Chess apply.



Gene Collett

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

You want to know if the readers of CHESS LIFE approve of the "new look." Here's one that does. It will be swell if you can keep it up.

When the USCF Club Manual comes off the press, and I hope it's soon, I sure want to get a copy because I have just been elected Chess Director of the Federal Chess Club here and I "don't know nuthin'" about the intricacies of the job.

We're going to be busy all summer cooking up big things for the fall.

WILLIAM PLAMPIN
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the column entitled "Chess Life in New York" on page 5 of the June 20th, 1948 issue, I find that Sammy Reshevsky "agreed with the verdict of the Tourney; Botvinnik was now the indisputable world champion." Well, isn't it sweet of Sammy to agree when Botvinnik's score was 16 and his nearest rival had only 13 points out of a total of 20? However, the writer goes on to say that Reshevsky insisted that a match is the test to determine superiority and that he "is certain that a match between Botvinnik and Reshevsky might prove a real surprise to Russia's chess population."

Well, now, the real reason for

my writing to you is this, if Reshevsky really did say that, he is a poor sport because by that remark he is taking from the winner the fruits of his victory. Such a remark would really place Reshevsky in an unflattering light. But I happened to be there at the reception to Reshevsky and I now say that he made no such remark. His exact words were that he felt that in a match he would do well—an entirely different thing from saying that a match would prove a surprise to Russia's chess population, because in that remark there is an implication that he is saying he would win. Far be it from me to say that Reshevsky would not win against Botvinnik. There isn't anyone to whom I would yield in my admiration and true evaluation of Reshevsky's great genius. The least that the chess world can do is to bow to him who did win the championship, and surely, say nothing derogatory to the crown he is wearing.

HAROLD M. PHILLIPS
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Here is a good plan for apportioning the prize money in the U. S. Open Championship (under the Swiss System) and in the Biennial round robin National Championship that will satisfy practically everybody because of its advantages.

As the players and the chess-minded public rightly attach honor and glamour to the first division (those finishing with a plus score), and especially to those in the prize group, let us divide the prize

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

YOUTH HAS ITS DAY! The Marshall Chess Club was the scene of an unusual exhibition recently when junior experts Larry Evans (club champion) Elliot Hearst and George Krauss combined their talents in a lecture (by Larry) and simultaneous display (by Elliot and George). The boys scored 11-4 against stiff Class A opposition, to make the affair, which was intended to raise funds for their trip to Oak Ridge, a resounding success.

PEGGY COMES THROUGH! The New York Women's Prelims draw to a close, and Mrs. Gresser, who completed her schedule ahead of time, has scored 7-0 to qualify for the South Fallsburg event. Miss Wray, with 4-1, seems likely to emerge as runner-up.

KASHDAN OR KRAMER? The last round of the International Masters and Experts Tourney at the Manhattan Chess Club has been delayed by the departure of several of the players for the Baltimore Open. However, with just a few games remaining to be played in this 8-man contest, Kashdan and Kramer lead with 5-1, with club champion Arthur Bisguier a possible prize-winner at 4-2. Pinkus, N.Y. State Champion, proved a bit of a disappointment, with 3½-2½ at the close of six rounds. Perhaps the reason for his relatively poor showing was this pretty game won by Donald Byrne, a Reti Opening. White: Byrne; Black: Pinkus. 1. Kt-KB3, P-Q4; 2. P-B4, PxP; 3. P-K3, P-QB4; 4. BxP, Kt-QB3; 5. P-Q4, P-K3; 6. O-O, Kt-KB3; 7. Q-K2, P-QR3; 8. Kt-B3, P-QKt4; 9. B-Kt3, B-Kt2; 10. R-Q1, Q-B2; 11. P-Q5, PxP; 12. P-K4! PxP?; 13. Ktx KP, KtxKt; 14. QxKt ch, Kt-K2; 15. BxP ch!!; and Pinkus resigned because of the forced mate after 15. KxB; 16. Kt-Kt5 ch and 17. Q-K6. Beautiful!

money accordingly. As to the plan: Beginning with the second division (those with a minus score), they will be satisfied with the experience gained and the stimulus received to at least make the first division next time. Those with even scores will be pleased to have this recognized by the return of their initiation fees. Those finishing with plus scores should be awarded point-money, the amount per point varying with the number of entrants and the amount of money raised, minus the sum necessary for the prize group. How many should we include in this prize group?

Five prizes seems to be our figure. To adequately match the honor of the fifth prize winner, the amount of the fifth prize should be 20% more than that of the highest point-money winner (sixth place). Fourth prize should be 20% more than fifth prize. Third prize should be 20% more than fourth prize. Second prize should be 20% more than third prize. And first prize, because of its special honor and glamour, should be 30% more than second prize. These are the major prizes; point-monies are the minor prizes. The exact amounts can not be calculated until after the final round because of the ten dollar prizes to even scorers, but the plan as a whole might be publicised any time, creating favorable impression.

Persons generous enough to contribute to the prize fund could be tactfully instructed that these graduated apportionments by the committee are fairer than concentrating on first prize; and should be given satisfactory publicity and many thanks.

AMBROSE D. GRING II
Brookline, Mass.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., New York, N.Y., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

Chess Life's Task Composing Award

The final date fixed or set for receiving problem entries was June 10, 1948. Since that date your P.E. has studied the entries and after intensive thought and mature deliberation has decided that Knud A. Rasmussen, Richvale, Ontario, Canada is entitled to the prize award of a free year's subscription to CHESS LIFE. His problem winning composition appears in today's column as Problem No. 35.

Adjudged an Honorable Mention is the entry of Eric Hassberg, Brooklyn, N.Y., diagrammed today as Problem No. 36.

There is only a shade in merit (in my opinion), between the prize winning and the honorable mention problems. Mr. Hassberg's version is of the waiter type, has a couple of good tries and exhibits several pin mates. Mr. Rasmussen's prize winner is of the threat type, has an excellent key with neat interwoven pawn moves defending against the threat and also has a couple of close tries. Both versions come close to being the limit in economy (Mr. Rasmussen submitted a Meredith version, given in Forsythe notation today, but it lacked in depth and strategy and had an obvious key) and both utilize the white king in accomplishing the task.

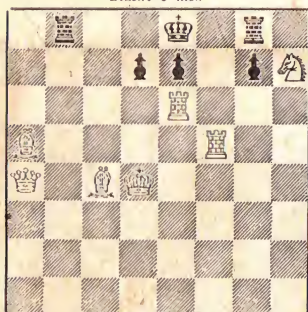
All I can comment on the award is: I give my preference to the threat version.

An amusing and enlightening version of the task was submitted by Alain C. White (via Buchwald of Litchfield, Conn.) The task was to secure four mates from the two simultaneously unpinned pawns. Mr. White's clever and ingenious version achieves five mates from the released pawns. The key is poor, otherwise the composition is excellent. I have given this effort Special Commendation. See Problem No. 37.

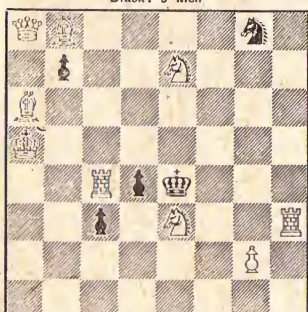
First Commendation is given B. M. Berd, Orden, Del. for his clever, economical and ingenious No. 38 (an entry in which the white king was shown as not essential to the task accomplishment). Second and Third Commendation go to Julius Buchwald, N. Y. for his very entertaining and original versions, No. 39 and No. 40. My thanks to all composers who manifested interest in the task.

All of the problems published today are: White mates in two moves.

Problem No. 35
Prize Problem
CHESS LIFE's Task Composing Ty.
By Knud A. Rasmussen
Richvale, Ont., Canada
Black: 6 men



Problem No. 37
Specially Commended
CHESS LIFE's Task Composing Ty.
By Alain C. White
Litchfield, Conn.
Black: 5 men



Following in Forsythe notation are other entries in CHESS LIFE's Task Composing Tourney:

T. Lundberg, Dallas, Tex.: 3Ss3, 4P1r1, 5b2, 3kp3, 2pp2Ss, B2RRp2, B1PK4, r1b1Q4. Key: R-K13.

T. Lundberg, Dallas, Tex.: 8, 4B3, 8, 2RbKpS1, 3ppp2, 1P2RB2, 1Q2K3, 6S1. Key: R(K3)-B3

Cecil K. Collins, Shreveport, La.: 3Ss3, 4r1r1, 8, 3kp3, 2pp2SQ, B2RR3, B2K4, 8. Key: R-QK13.

B. M. Berd, Arden, Del.: 8, 4S3, 3ppsq1, R2sk1Pp, 3pp3, 1P2RP2, 2B1K2S, B1Q5. Key: R-B3.

Peter Korf, Grand Rapids, Mich.: 7S, 3pp2P, 3pk2r, 3Spp2, 3RR2p, 4K2B, 6P1, 4Q3. Key: R-K14.

Knud A. Rasmussen, Richvale, Ont., Canada: 2Skr2Q, 1pppS3, 3R4, B6R, 4K3, 8, 8, 8. Key: R-QK16.

The last problem was the only Meredith version of the Task but has little else to commend it, except it achieves the task.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

The Long Diagonal

In modern master games the fianchetto has come to play an all-important role. The King fianchetto (at K12) is trained on the center and on the Queen-side, and therefore has a predominantly strategic significance. The Queen fianchetto (at Q12), however, aims not only at the center, but at the King-side as well. In the hands of a skilful player, the Queen fianchetto has all the menace of a stiletto poised against the very heart of the enemy's position.

Many years ago, Rubinstein played an immortal game against Botlevi, the basic motif being the power of the long diagonal. In the following game, played about ten years later, Rubinstein harked back to this theme.

FOUR KNIGHTS' GAME

Warsaw, 1917

White: J. Belsitzmann Black: A. Rubinstein
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
3 Kt-B3 Kt-B3
4 B-K15 Kt-Q5!
Rubinstein's favorite means of taking the sting out of this opening. If now 5 KtXP, Q-K2; 6 P-B4, KtXB; 7 KtXB, P-Q3 and Black stands well.

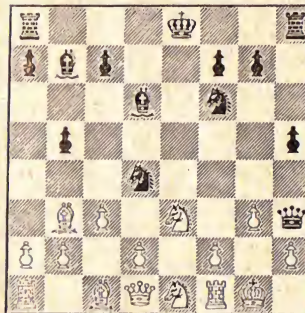
5 B-B4 B-B4
6 KtXP Q-K2!
Black has sacrificed a Pawn to get a big lead in development. He does not fear 7 KtXB because of 7..... P-Q4!; 8. KtXB, PxB etc.

7 Kt-Q3? Leads to intolerable congestion. The normal-looking 7. Kt-B3 was better.

7..... P-Q4! QxPch
8 KtXP B-Q3
9 Kt-K3 P-QK4!
10 O-O
Masterly play: without loss of time he posts his Queen's Bishop on the long diagonal.

11 B-K3 B-K12
12 Kt-K1 Q-R5!
Forcing the advance of White's KKtP (if 13 P-KR3, Q-B5 and 14 P-K13 must be played), after which the power of Black's fianchettoed Bishop is greatly enhanced.

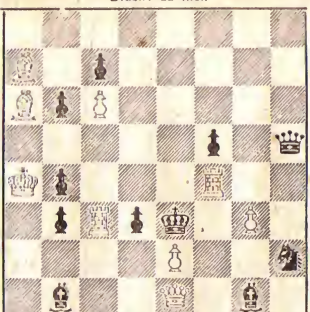
13 P-K13 P-Q8
14 P-QB3 P-KR4!
Rubinstein does not bother to retreat the Knight, as he is planning a magnificent finish.



15 PxB! P-R5!
White has no defense against the coming sacrifice. Thus if 16 P-B3, PxB; 17 Q-K2, PxBch; 18 K-R1, KtR4!; 19 KtB5ch, K-B1; 20 R-B2, R-K1; 21 Q-B1, RxBt!; 22 QxR, QxPch!; 23 RxQ, BxR mate!

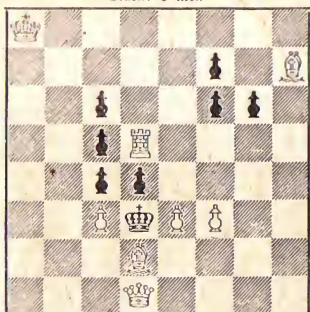
16 Q-K2 QxRch!
White resigns: if 17 KxQ, PxBch; 18 K-Kt1, R-R8 mate!

Problem No. 39
Second Commended
CHESS LIFE's Task Composing Ty.
By Julius Buchwald
New York, N. Y.
Black: 11 men



White: 9 men
8, B1p5, Bp15, 5p1g, Kp3R2, 1p1qk11, 4P2s, 1b2Q1b1

Problem No. 40
Third Commended
CHESS LIFE's Task Composing Ty.
By Julius Buchwald
New York, N. Y.
Black: 8 men



White: 8 men
K7, 5p1B, 2p2pp1, 2pR4, 2pp4, 2p1P2, 3B4, 3Q4

Solutions:

The keymove to Problem No. 31 is: R-B3. There are seven variations. The keymove to Problem No. 32 is: 1. Q-R4 with threat of 2. Q-Q8. Main variations are: 1..... Kt-B7; 2. RxB and 1..... Kt-K16; 2. Kt-B1. Also 1..... Kt else; 2. QxP. Jack S. comments: Key excellent, mates well defined. Malcolm Brown states: Alternate cutting off by Black of his own men is attractive.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 31 and 32 are acknowledged received from Malcolm Brown (Weymouth, Mass.); Dr. Jos. M. Erman (Detroit); Vernon Sprague (Cleveland); Jack Spence (Omaha); Peter Korf (Grand Rapids); N. Gabor (Cincinnati); T. Lundberg (Dallas); Jas. Bolton (New Haven); Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.).

T. Lundberg commented No. 31 is fine and No. 32 is splendid but rather too easy. Dr. Erman wrote of No. 31: Nice variety of interesting mates.

Correction: An error occurred in the diagramming of Problem No. 33. The Black pawn on Black's Q7 should be a Black bishop. Forsythe notation on this problem is correct.

FEDERAL CHESS HOLDS ELECTION

At the annual meeting of the Federal Chess Club (Washington) the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Harold Burdge president; Edmund Nash (Club Champion) first vice-president; G. S. Thomas second vice-president; Vito Mirabile secretary - treasurer; and William Plampin chess director.

1948 Michigan State Championship									
George Eastman (Detroit)	x	3	3	1	1	1	1	53-1	
Dr. Bruno W. Schmidt (Detroit)	3	x	0	1	1	1	1	53-1	
E. J. Van Sweden (Grand Rapids)	3	1	x	3	1	1	1	5-2	
Leon Stolzenberg (Detroit)	3	0	3	x	1	1	1	3-4	
Reuben Baskager (Battle Creek)	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	21-43	
Edward Payava (Jackson)	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	25-43	
Frank Holloway (Grand Rapids)	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	2-5
Robert Hyde (Battle Creek)	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	x	2-5

LANSING HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Lansing (Mich.) Chess Club, V. E. Vandenberg was elected president, Elton Hansen vice-president, James Kinton secretary-treasurer, and Robert Field and Kenneth Riley board members.

Pierce leads in the perpetual ladder percentage with Barwick second, Steinfeld third, and Turnblom fourth.

1948 Michigan State Championship									
George Eastman (Detroit)	x	3	3	1	1	1	1	53-1	
Dr. Bruno W. Schmidt (Detroit)	3	x	0	1	1	1	1	53-1	
E. J. Van Sweden (Grand Rapids)	3	1	x	3	1	1	1	5-2	
Leon Stolzenberg (Detroit)	3	0	3	x	1	1	1	3-4	
Reuben Baskager (Battle Creek)	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	21-43	
Edward Payava (Jackson)	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	25-43	
Frank Holloway (Grand Rapids)	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	2-5
Robert Hyde (Battle Creek)	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	x	2-5

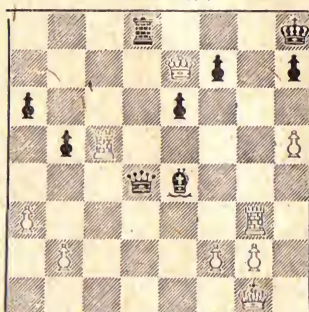
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Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?
Position No. 7



3r3k, 4q1p, 5p3k, 1p4P, 3p4Q, 1P5R, 1P3P1, 6K1
White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 7 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by August 5.

Solution to Position No. 5

From the game Hlize-Genevsky-A. Kubbel, Leningrad, 1925. Master Arvid Kubbel, who with his brothers Leonide and Eugene, was a great composer of end-games (by the way all the above plus Genevsky were all killed during the siege of Leningrad during the second world war) found a problem-like key move in this position: 35..... B-B7!! forcing his opponent to resign immediately. After the key move there is no answer. If 36. QxB, RxBt ch. Correct solutions submitted by Frank A. Neal (San Francisco), Jack Spence (Omaha): an alternate solution of 35..... Q-K5 was submitted by Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit), Vincent G. Sprague (Cleveland), and Malcolm D. Brown (Weymouth, Pa.). While not as elegant and immediate as B-B7 this also seems to win. Congratulations.

Buenos Aires, Argentina: A tournament here following the Mar La Plata, saw the victory of Najdorf. Here is the final score: Najdorf 9; 2. Stahlberg 8½; 3. O'Kelly and Michel 8; 5. Guimard and Rosetto 6½; 7. Hlesco and Pilnik 5½; 9. Camara 4; 10. Medina 3½ (this is a surprise); 11. Garcia Balado 1; 12. Julio Bolbochan 1 (?!).

Paris, France: The 1948 championship was won by Rossolimo with 8½ (on 9); 2. Berlacki 7; 3. Molnar 6, etc. The minor tournament was won by Vallee.

Paris: An Easter tournament was organized by the "Caissa" chess club and won by Rossolimo 6 (on 7); 2. Bouteville 5; Nora 4; Berlacki 3½, etc.

France: In an exhibition tour through France, E. Znosko-Borovsky gave 13 exhibitions, playing 356 games, winning 310, losing 7 and drawing 39.

Vienna, Austria: Championship, 1948: 1. Alfred BENI (24 years old) 9½ (on 13); 2. Gruenfeld 8½; 3-5. Galla, Gragger (21 years old, a revelation), and Platt 7½; 6-7. H. Muller and Hofman 7, etc.

Bern, Switzerland: Basel beat Bern on the latter's home ground in a double round match by 4½-3½. Prague, Czechoslovakia: The Dobrusky Chess Club won the inter-club championship with 7½ points, followed by Skep and Vojensky 6½ each, etc.

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pionships; team match; played at
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September 1

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respondence Chess League of
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September 4-6

2nd Georgia Open Tournament
August, Georgia
Open to all comers; will be
played at Sheraton Bon-Air Hotel,
Augusta, Ga.

September 4-6

Pennsylvania State Championship
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Open to Pennsylvania players;
held at Pittsburgh Hotel; State,
Junior and Women's Championship
divisions; write W. M. Byland 3244
Lafayette, Pittsburgh 16, Pa. for de-
tails.

September 4-6

14th Annual Southwestern Open
Championship
San Antonio, Texas
Open to all players; held at Gun-
ter Hotel, San Antonio; write B.
R. Millem, 419 E. Dewey, San An-
tonio for details.

September 4-6

Nebraska State Championship
North Platte, Nebraska
Open to Nebraska players; held
at North Platte Chess Club; for
details write Jack Spence, Room
317, YMCA Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.

September 4-12

New York State Championship
Endicott, New York
Open to New York chess players,
with team matches in addition to
regular championship and non-
championship meets; to be played
at En-Joie Park at Endicott; for
details write M. L. Mitchell, 1208
Monroe Street, Endicott, N. Y.

September 4-6

West Virginia State Championship
South Charleston, West Virginia
Tournaments for State, Women's
and Junior championships, open to
West Virginia players; will be
played at Recreation Hall, South
Charleston under auspices of Car-
bide Chess Club; Entry fees:
State Championship \$5; Player's
Tournament and Women's \$2;
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Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive,
Charleston 1, W. Va. for hotel res-
ervations and send him entries.

September 4-6

Ohio State Chess Championship
Columbus, Ohio
Open to Ohio players; Swiss
system; to be held at Seneca
Hotel; write S. L. Trumbull, 190 S.
Trusel St., Columbus for hotel res-
ervations and details.

September 4-6

Virginia State Championship
Charlottesville, Virginia
Open to Virginia players; played
at Albemarle Hotel; State Cham-
pionship, Class A and Class B
tournaments.

September 4-6

North Carolina Championship
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Open to all chess players; date
tentative; Class A and B cham-
pionships; further details when ar-
rangements are made final.

HAWTHORNE LEADS IN BELL SYSTEM CHESS BY MAIL

Latest report from the Bell Sys-
tem Postal Chess Tournament
shows the Western Electric-Haw-
thorne (Chicago) group to be lead-
ing in round one on a percentage
basis. Seventy-two games remain
to be finished out of 241 games.
Later rounds in the growing cor-
respondence chess league, orga-
nized and encouraged by Ameri-
can Bell Telephone and Telegraph
System for its employees number
over 500 hundred participants, and
the number increases daily.

Team	Round One Standings	T	S	Unf.
Western Electric-Hawthorne	11-6	46	13	
Bell Telephone Laboratories	11-24	93	12	
Chesapeake & Potomac Group	32-23	58	11	
Western Electric-Kearney	29-30	49	3	
W. Electric-Pontiac Branch	13-13	47	9	
Headquarters	14-18	44	4	
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.	18-31	37	11	
Southern New England	8-19	30	6	

LASKER VISITS WEATT CHESS

The Weatt Chess Club (West-
ern Electric and Amer. Telephone)
had a visit from Dr. Edward Las-
ker as one of the closing events
of the season. Dr. Lasker gave a
short and entertaining lecture on
chess and followed with a 14
board simultaneous. Weatt players
Egges Das and George Ritzler won
their games, and Miss Hazel Mors-
ing drew hers.

The Annual Handicap Tournam-
ent ended with James E. Devaney
as victor and custodian of the
Handicap Cup. John J. Clark was
second and George D. Walsh third
in the event.

Weatt Handicap Tournament Leaders
James E. Devaney 84-13 85%
John J. Clark 8-2 80%
George D. Walsh 83-23 77%
The annual election resulted in
James E. Devaney, president;
Michael S. Gleason, vice-president;
Hazel D. Morsing, corresponding
secretary; and Robert Bruce,
treasurer. Arthur Ende was ap-
pointed chess tournament secre-
tary, and John J. Clark league
tournament secretary.

KITCES WINS OTTAWA TITLE

S. Kitces won the Ottawa (Can-
ada) championship with a score of
5-1. Cpl. W. N. Wilson was the
runner-up with 4½-1½. The latter
is a member of the RCMP band,
playing the clarinet, and just got
under the wire with his games be-
fore the band started an extensive
tour of the West.



WOMAN'S TEAM MATCH

Miners vs. Tommies at the St. Petersburg Chess Divan. Right
side, seated (front to rear) Mollie Brandt, Mary Ellen Stubbs,
Lois Decker, Dr. Elizabeth Miner, Louise Grass, (standing)
Carroll Busack, Beatrice Hultin, Eleanor Baker. Left side
(seated) Irene Hermann, Henrietta Argenbright, Anna Allen,
Mildred Thomas, Jean Zydek, (standing) Marie Caldwell,
Minette Broderick, Madelon Cassidy.

Photo: Ken Richards

ANNUAL BANQUET FOR THE QUEENS

One of the few all woman chess clubs in America is the
Queen's Chess Club of Cleveland, organized March 9, 1938
by Mrs. Flora Hauschild, its first president. Member of the
USCF and the Cleveland Chess Ass'n, its team participates
in the Cleveland League, while the club meets each Wednesday
evening in the main Cleveland Public Library Bldg. Cleveland
here honors its Tenth Anniversary with a large attendance.

WEATT REPULSES N. J. INVASION

The Weatt (Western Electric
and American Telephone) Chess
Club of New York repelled the
strong invasion of the Weakeary
(Western Electric-Kearney, N.J.)
Chess Club by the score of 21½-10½
on a 32 board field in one of the
largest industrial chess matches
of the season.

Weatt Chess	Weakeary Chess
Clark 1	Weiland 0
Ritzler 1	Wojciechowski 0
Devaney 0	Krajcs 1
Pisces 1	Hurtlen 0
Egner 1	Wedding 3
Das 1	Libbey 0
McGinniss 2	Stout 2
Shiff 1	Rock 0
Ende 1	Dudowicz 0
Brice 1	Vermette 3
Rutheer 1	Abramowitz 0
Rudolph 1	Denton 0
Carroll 1	forfeit 0
Dhabe 1	Hurmon 0
Boney 0	Fround 1
Walsh 2	Morsing 0
Prentice 1	W. M. Smith 0
Weber 1	Zahn 0
H. Smith 0	Robert 1
Alstadt 1	Chrone 0
Afrens 1	Abrolat 0
Loux 1	Doeke 0
Selbert 1	Pavelka 0
Miss Morsing 0	Morrell 1
Spiker 1	forfeit 0
Grason 0	Chalmers 1
Wittenberg 1	Patton 0
Miss Ames 2	Block 2
Mrs. Ryan 0	Rubright 1
Miss Livingston 0	Weller 1
Miss Davis 0	Michels 1
Miss Wolford 0	Ravels 1
Weatt 21½	Weakeary 10½

SYRACUSE CLUB FINDS NEW HOME

The Syracuse (N.Y.) Chess Club
moved over the holiday to new
quarters in the Third Club Room,
YWCA Bldg. 339 E. Onondaga St.
where beginning with July 12, the
meetings will be held on Monday.

Team Matches From The Chess Clubs

CARONADO, CALIF

Coronado Chess	La Mesa Chess
Coronado, N. S.	
Short 1	Fred Lankey 0
F. Carleton	
Smith 0	C. R. Bates 1
Comm. A. R.	
Johnson 2	Fred Lankey, Jr. 3
Comm. E. G.	
McSheehy 0	Mrs. F. Higgins 1
Dr. H. C. Rock	
well 0	W. B. Patterson 1
C. E. Gunthorp 1	Jim Phelan 0
H. D. Knuss 1	Walter Houser 0
C. R. Lewis 1	Ronald Hadley 0
Jim Hicks 1	Dennis Patterson 0
'Coronado' 53	La Mesa 35

TORONTO, CANADA

Institute for Blind	Unemployed Ins.
R. Beeth 1	J. Dennison 0
H. Henry 1	W. Stickie 0
M. Roche 0	J. Morton 1
E. Greenfield 1	E. Gowan 0
M. Bocian 1	J. Boyd 0
S. Maise 1	W. Pinkus 0
P. Stollery 1	Miss A. Loughed 0
Institute 6	Unemployed 1

MERCED, CALIF.

Fresno Chess	Modesto Chess
F. Pelouze 3	H. Botker 2
C. W. Bird 1	J. Smith 0
E. Cook 0	L. Kerfoot 1
L. M. Beck 0	H. Paul 1
S. Paulson 1	L. Davis 0
Dr. H. Kallmann 1	J. Berry 0
R. Stager 1	A. Wentle 0
T. Cartl 0	Dr. C. J. Cook 1
L. Lecker 0	L. Krogness 1
Fresno 43	Modesto 43

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Jacobson 1	P. Skiba 0
W. O'Brien 1	D. Hana 0
Reis 0	T. Froberg 1
Sokolowski 0	T. Froberg 1
Fountell 1	Schmidt 0
Heathcote 1	Kagley 0
East Side 6	Twist Drill 4

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Cleve. Form Tool	Atlantic Tool & Die
J. Banko 0	E. Midgely 2
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G. Banko 2	E. Melwald 0
Cech 2	Brandis 0
Christopher 2	Montag 0
Form Tool 6	Atlantic Tool 4

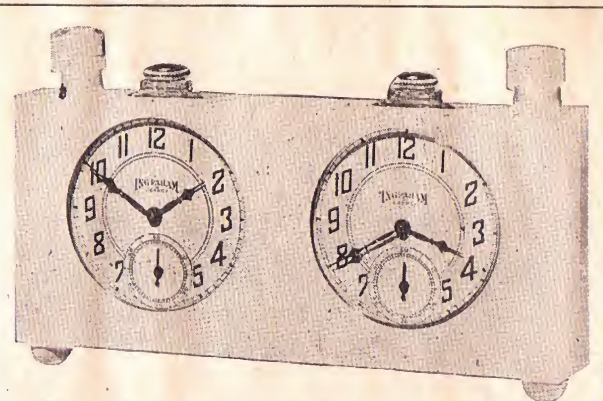
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Fenn College Chess	Queen's Chess
J. Diamond 1	Mrs. H. Rhein- stein 0
L. Star 1	Miss Viola Bence 0
R. Beck 1	Mrs. C. Kelly 0
P. Levitt 1	Miss Elsie Duve 0
V. Chekelov 1	Mrs. Mena 0
Fenn 5	Schwartz 0
	Queen's 0

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Rector Milquetoast Pays Visit To St. Petersburg Chess Divan

The Rev. Archibald Milquetoast (alias James Tilbury of Philadelphia), a young and shy English rector, paid a visit to the Chess Divan of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Club, and was so enchanted by the game of chess that he wrote the following letter to his Archbishop for permission to indulge in its pleasures as a member of the club:—

"My dear Archbishop, I have just been invited to join the St. Petersburg Chess Club. This is a great honor although I know nothing about chess. They said they would get some one to show me. It must be a most exclusive club socially, for they say I would soon become acquainted with kings and queens, although they did add that I mustn't be surprised if I find them and their associates looking rather old, worn and shabby. Of course, I fully understand that, because in the last 50 years so many of them have lost their castles and everything. They eventually became established in the U.S.A. where they are now very popular. The Secretary also made it clear that king or queen, they are treated with greatest respect by the club members who in a kindly and moving way, are always giving them checks, and although they don't like to take them, they can't very well help themselves in their position.

"On the other hand the Secretary told me that sometimes when a member is giving a check to a king, a bishop will interpose so that the check must be withdrawn. Now what right has any clergyman to interfere in that unkind way? When I expressed regret that some members played on the Sabbath day the secretary replied that never a Sunday passed without a number of bishops taking part in the game. Do you approve?

"I am told that one frequently hears the word 'pawn' mentioned in the royal company and that some of them do not hesitate to use their (knights in that direction. Yesterday I overheard the word 'pawn' used in connection with a certain king's castle. Just imagine what sort of a check that might bring. Castles are said to be worth a great deal. Some one said the transaction was necessary in order to arrange for a mate. They are probably referring to a dowry. Anyhow I suppose he'll be married soon and if so, I will call that a check-mate. Please excuse the little joke.

"I don't know the names of the club president and officers but I do know that they can always count on two kings, two queens and four bishops on the board, so it is, as you see, a very aristocratic club.

"By the way the secretary tells me that one rule which is very strictly enforced is that if you touch anything you must move it. I wonder if that rule would apply if I accidentally touched the cash box.

"Please let me know soon if I have your authority to join this most distinguished club. It only costs \$3 a year and includes coffee and crackers.

"Very respectfully yours, Rev. Archibald Milquetoast.

"Postscript:

"I hope you say yes, so that I can play chess When I've got a few moments to spare. I'd be quite elated if I should get mated By a King who is quite 'on the square.' I'd be most deferential if that were essential To a friendship that few can aspire to. But if he's a true man, he'll surely be human And therefore I will not require to."

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SO THEY SAY —

We are born and we die; and between these two most important events of our lives more or less time elapses which we have to waste somehow or other. In the end it does not seem to matter much whether we have done it making money or practising law, or reading, or playing, or in any other way, as long as we felt we were deriving a maximum of happiness out of our doings.

—Clarence Darrow, quoted in "Win, Lose or Draw" of the Piccadilly Chess Club.

The stroke of lightning, the train drawn by the locomotive, a defeated army all pursue the line of least resistance. On the Chess-board there are no lines, only points; hence Steinitz speaks of weak points. The most successful, the most effective combination as well as the widest-visioned and deepest plan of attack — thus his idea — proceed, as if by a miracle, in the direction of the weak points, for the same Reason which governs the world governs also the Chess-board.

From "Lasker's Manual of Chess"

On the Chess-board lies and hypocrisy do not survive long. The creative combination lays bare the presumption of a lie; the merciless fact, culminating in a checkmate, contradicts the hypocrite.

From "Lasker's Manual of Chess"

Youth Outstanding Feature In 1948 U. S. Championship

One of the most attractive features of the coming United States Championship Tournament will be the presence of some of our gifted younger masters. An outstanding member of this group is sixteen-year old Larry Evans.

Larry, who was born on March 22, 1932, learned the moves by watching his two older brothers play. From the very start the game fascinated him. When he began to attend school, he would often take out his chess board during the recess period.

By the time his ninth birthday had come around, in 1941, he was acquiring his fifth chess set! But it was not until he had reached the age of fourteen that he began to study the game in earnest, playing at the Academy of chess and checkers on 42nd Street. Small for his age, he looked about eleven. Defeats did not discourage him, and he continued to improve steadily.

As usually happens at this stage, he made the acquaintance of chess literature and began to read avidly. He now has an extensive collection of chess books, all neatly covered and indexed.

In October, 1945, he joined the Marshall Chess Club. Playing in his first rapid transit tournament, he was very hesitant; finally he made the plunge. Six months later, he was consistently carrying off the highest prizes.

Larry's first appearance in a tournament of national importance took place shortly after his fourteenth birthday, when he played in the 1946 National Junior Championship, coming sixth in a strong field. Immediately thereafter, he participated in the United States Open Championship at Pittsburgh. But fatigue and inexperience proved too much for him; after qualifying for the Premier Reserves, he ended up last. It is true that the section contained some powerful opposition—the most impressive he had met to date.

But, as we know from the examples of many great players, improvement is very rapid at this early stage. Only a few months later, Larry shared fourth prize in the 1946-47 Marshall Chess Club Championship with A. E. Santasiere. True, Larry's play was still described as cocky and immature; but it was becoming clear that he possessed enormous talent. His showing in the 1947 Junior Championship registered still another advance: he tied for second prize in a field studded with promising players.

In the formidable United States Open Championship, held last year at Corpus Christi, Larry finished 33 points behind first-prize winner Kashdan—a splendid feat for a fifteen-year old! It was in this tournament that Larry won a memorable game from Yanofsky.

The succeeding Marshall Chess Club Championship provided Larry with his most spectacular success to date; he took first prize with the fine score of 15-4, and well before his sixteenth birthday! Observers of his play find that he has become much steadier of late; in fact, his newly achieved poise is perhaps the most remarkable facet of this phenomenally successful youngster's style.

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CHESS LIFE ABROAD

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Paris, France: France beat Belgium in a double round match on ten boards by 12½-7½ pts. Last year the result was France 11½-8½. (O'Kelly's absence was felt by Belgium). On board one Rossolimo got 1½ points against A. Dunkelblum; on board two Muffang (France) beat Devos 1½-1.

Here follows a game on the second board. White: Muffang; Black: Devos; Queen's Gambit Accepted. 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, PxP; 3. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3; 4. P-K3, P-K3; 5. BxP, P-B4; 6. O-O, P-QR3; 7. P-QR3 (instead of the usual Q-2 or P-QR4), B-K2; 8. Q-K2, P-QKt4; 9. B-R2, B-Kt2; 10. PxP, BxP; 11. P-QKt4, B-R2; 12. B-Kt2, O-O; 13. Kt(1)-Q2, Kt-K5 (Better was Kt-QB3); 14. KR-Q1, Q-K2; 15. QR-B1, Kt-Kt; 16. QxKt, B-Kt3; 17. Q-B3, P-B3; 18. Kt-Q4, BxKt; (if B-Q4; 19. Kt-B5 wins); 19. QxB, Kt-B3; 20. Q-B5, KR-K1; 21. R-Q6, Kt-Q1; 22. Q-Q4, B-B1; 23. P-KR4, K-R1; 24. B-Kt1, R-QKt1; 25. Q-K4, P-B4; 26. Q-K5, R-R1; 27. R-B7!! Black resigns. If 27., QxR; 28. RxKt kills.

A beautiful win by Andre Muffang, ex-champion of France. It's a shame he does not participate often in tournaments.

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FRENCH DEFENSE

Manhattan Chess Club

Championship

Playoff match, New York, 1947

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White: A. S. DENKER, Black: A. KEVITZ

1. P-K4 P-K3 4. P-K5 KKt-Q2
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. B-Q3 P-QB4
3. Kt-Q2 -Kt-K3 6. P-QB3 Kt-Q3

Black is condemned to a very cramped game (8. P-Q4 is the only way to obtain some freedom). But here might at least have tried 6. P-QK3, in order to play 7. B-R3 getting rid of the unfortunate Queen's B.

7. Kt-K2 Q-K3 9. PxP B-Kt5 ch
8. Kt-B3 P-P 10. K-B1

He wants to keep Black's game constricted; hence he avoids 10. B-Q2, BxK ch; 11. QxKt-Q5.

10. B-K2 11. P-Q3 Kt-B1
11. P-QK4 is a big better, but the large-scale problem (how to free himself) would still remain.

12. P-QK4 B-Q2 15. B-K3 R-B1
13. P-KR4 Kt-Q1 16. Kt-R4 B-K3
14. Kt-B3 P-B3 17. QxR ch Kt-Q2

If 17. K-B2; 18. K-K2 followed by 19. KR-QB1 and Black cannot rearrange his pieces to any good effect.

18. PxP P-P 20. B-KR6 Kt-B3
19. R-R3! B-Q3

Or 20. R-B6; 21. B-QK45, Kt-B3 (21. B-Q2; 22. BxKt ch, QxR; 23. QxQ ch and 24. Kt-K5 ch, etc.); 22. B-Q2 winning the exchange.

21. R-K1 K-B6; 21. B-QK45, Kt-B3 (21. B-Q2; 22. BxKt ch, QxR; 23. QxQ ch and 24. Kt-K5 ch, etc.); 22. B-Q2 winning the exchange.

If 21. Kt-QP7; 22. Kt-K1, QxKt; 23. RxP ch, B-K2; 24. R(B)-K31, R-B5 ch; 25. K-K2, Q-Kt5 ch; 26. K-Q21
22. Q-Q1 Kt-K2



After 22. Kt-K2
KEVITZ

23. Kt-Kt5 ch PxKt 25. R-B3 ch Kt-B3
24. P-R5 ch Kt-K3
25. P-QB4 B-B6; 26. BxP, P-K4; 27. BxR, P-Q4; 28. QxP ch, etc.

26. PxP B-K2 28. R-Kt3 KxP
27. PxKt B-B1

Black is desperate; if 28. BxR; 29. BxKt ch, PxP; 30. R(B)-K31, etc. Or 28. Kt-R1; 29. BxR, etc.

29. RxKt ch PxR 30. Q-K5 ch Resigns

Reinfeld lost this game in the opening; but Denker deserves credit for his forceful logical play.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries
Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by Edward J. Korpany

White: J. F. DONOVAN, Black: C. PILNICK

1. P-Q4 P-K3 4. Q-B2 Kt-B3
2. P-QB4 Kt-K3 5. Kt-B3 P-Q3
3. Kt-KB3 B-Kt5

Preparing for P-K4. Preferred by many to 5. P-Q1.

6. P-KKt3 O-O 7. B-Kt2

Having failed to open the QB-file, he tries this fianchetto against the Q-side P.

7. P-K4 9. Kt-Kt1 PxKt
8. PxP Kt-P 10. O-O P-B3

Best before going any further.

11. R-Q1 Q-K2 12. P-QR3 B-R4
If 12. B-Q3; 13. B-Kt5 is strong.

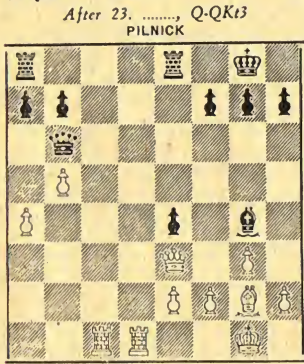
13. P-QK4 B-B2 16. P-QR3 R-K1
14. P-Kt5 PxP 17. B-QR3 P-K4
15. PxP B-Kt3 18. Kt-K4

QR-B1 looks better.

18. Q-B4 19. B-B5

White has worked himself into a threat and this is his way of breaking it up.

19. BxR B-B6 22. Q-R3 B-Kt5
20. Kt-Kt1 ch QxKt 23. Q-K3 Q-QKt3
21. QxR P-K5



After 23. Q-QKt3
PILNICK

Black's KP and QKP are weak. He's willing to take a doubled P to free his QK and threaten both the KP and QRP. For instance — 24. QxQ, PxQ; 25. P-B3, PxP; 26. PxP, B-K3; 27. R-Q4, B-Kt6 and the game is much easier for Black.

24. R-Q4 B-B4
If 24. BxP; 25. RxP, QxQ; 26. RxQ, RxKt; 27. P-R4 and the QKtP can't be saved for Black's R is tied down to his horizontal. And if Black varies with 25. RxR; 26. QxR wins the P. The move makes give White a chance to free his K and play his KP to a safe position.

25. Q-Kt3 ch K-R1 28. QxR R-Q1
26. P-K3 QR-B1 29. Q-KB7 Q-R4
27. R(4)-B4 RxR 30. P-R3

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The R is tied down because of White's K-position.

30. B-B6 32. QxKtP
31. BxB PxR

Taking here first best Black get too strong around these parts later.

32. QxRP 34. K-R2 P-KR3
33. R-QB8 Q-Q8 ch

Too bad this P isn't already there. Then 31. Q-K7 is cute.

35. RxR ch QxR 37. Q-Kt8 ch
36. QxRP Q-Q8

White must not lose a tempo now. Black's QP and BP (6) are very dangerous. But after this is taken care of, he manages to stay one P ahead with a good position to win.

37. K-R2 48. Q-Q6 ch K-B2
38. P-Kt4 Q-KB8 49. K-Kt3 Q-Kt6 ch
39. Q-Kt3 Q-P 50. P-B3 Q-K6
40. QxP PxP 51. Q-Q7 ch K-B1
41. PxP Q-Kt7 52. Q-B5 ch K-K2
42. Q-B5 ch K-R1 53. K-R4 Q-QKt3
43. Q-B8 ch K-R2 54. K-R5 Q-QB3
44. Q-Kt5 ch K-R1 55. Q-K6 Q-P
45. P-K4 K-K1 56. QxP ch K-K1
46. P-K5 Q-Kt2 57. Q-Kt6 ch Resigns
47. Q-K6 ch K-B1

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Omaha City Championship

Omaha, 1948

Notes by I. Rivise

White: A. C. LUDWIG, Black: H. E. OHMAN

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. B-K5 QxKt-Q2

Slightly more elastic than 4. B-K2. Black can threaten (or really play) the Cambridge Springs or Manhattan variations.

5. P-K3

The Exchange Variation — a great favorite with the moderns (Reshevsky, Flohr, et al.) This seemingly purposeless exchange (now Black will have no difficulty developing his QB — oh yeah!) is in reality extremely subtle. The P position is stabilized and White can direct his attention to initiating the famed "minority attack" on the Q-side or develop a K-side attack or both. Black must defend, precisely else White's initiative steamrollers.

5. PxP 6. P-K3

The Black QP? Mustn't touch! 6. Kt-P (teh, teh), Kt-Kt; 7. BxQ, B-Kt5 ch; 8. Q-Q2, BxQ ch; 9. BxR, Kt5. See — I told you so.

6. P-B3 7. B-Q3 B-Q3

The first inaccuracy. 7. B-K2 is correct defensively.

8. B-B2

Spielmann-Capablanca, Carlsbad, 1929 continued 8. Kt-K2, Kt-R1; 9. Q-B2, P-R3; 10. B-R4, Q-K2; 11. P-QR3, B-Q2; 12. P-K4, P-KKt4; 13. B-Kt5, PxP; 14. Kt-P, Kt-Kt3; 15. BxKt, BxP; 16. BxP, Q-Q3 (Euwe suggests 16. O-O-O); 17. O-O-O with advantage to White. Note how Capablanca avoided castling on either side until White's plans crystallize.

8. P-KR3 9. B-R4 O-O

Too hasty. Now White has a beautiful target. 9. Kt-B1 should have been tried followed by 10. Kt-Kt2, R-K1 and 11. O-O-O. P-QKt4

The second (and fatal) inaccuracy. This demonstration on the Q-side is a grievous waste of time and grievously must be answered for it. 11. Kt-B1 was still the best move for Black.

12. P-KKt4

The standard procedure. White evidently knows this variation thoroughly.

12. P-Kt4 13. B-Kt3 BxB

Poor tactics. 13. Kt-B1 still (stubborn, ain't it) was the right idea.

14. Kt-B3 Kt-P

Hardly adequate compensation for his position.

15. P-KR3 Kt(B)-B3 16. Kt-B5 Kt-KB1

Much, much too late.

17. Kt-P ch K-Kt2 18. Kt-B5 ch BxKt

Black has solved the problem of developing his QP.

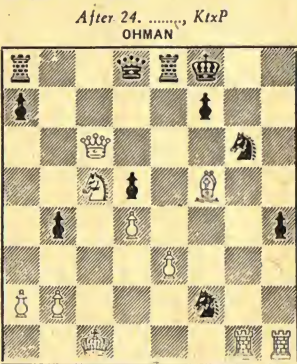
19. BxB P-QKt5

This seems to be a half-hearted attempt to create a threat. White cannot be distracted however, for the exposed Black K and all the files and diagonals controlled by White are too much of a handicap for Black to overcome.

20. Kt-R4 Kt-K5 21. P-KR4 PxP

There is no defense. Black could resign here.

22. Q-RKt ch Kt-K3 24. Kt-B5 Kt-P
23. QxP K-B1



After 24. Kt-P
OHMAN

Allowing a quick finish instead of a lingering death. White conducted the game beautifully — a model for this variation specifically demonstrating how one weak move and a lost tempo can be exploited with remarkable ease. A pleasure to play through.

25. Kt-Q7 ch Resigns

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries

Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by Dr. Bela Rozsa

White: G. KRAMER, Black: A. E. SANTASIEPPE

1. P-K4 P-K3 5. PxP Kt-QR4
2. Kt-B3 Kt-QB3 6. B-Kt5 ch P-B3
3. B-B4 Kt-B3 7. PxP P-P
4. Kt-Kt5 P-Q4 8. B-Q3

The Bird Variation! White intends to keep the P advantage at the expense of blocking his own development. To take an old little known line against a seasoned master is good psychology, but.....

5. Kt-Q4 9. Kt-K4 B-K2

This seems too passive. The natural move is P-KB4, followed by 10. Kt-Kt3, Kt-KB5; 11. B-B1, B-B4; at which point Black has a fine game. But it is possible that Black has seen a new line recently which goes 9. P-KB4; 10. Kt-Kt3, Kt-KB5; 11. B-B1 with the idea of P-KKt3 and B-Kt2. This will need more investigation.

10. O-O O-O 11. B-K2 P-QB4!

Black's strategy becomes apparent now. First he gets his Q-side pieces in action, then he will go to work on the K-side.

12. P-Q3 Kt-QB3 15. B-B3 Kt-B ch
13. QKt-B3 Kt-Q5 16. QxKt B-Kt2
14. Kt-Kt1 QxKt 17. Q-Kt3

One could hardly call White's position enviable.

17. P-B4 19. P-B4?

18. Kt-B3 Q-B3

White just cannot afford to create a weakness like that at his KtP. Black's P-B3 is not appetizing but had White foreseen Black's forceful attack he would have played P-KR3.

19. R-B3! 20. Q-B3

Poignant! Hoping that Black will exchange Qs but if he does not, he will lose in a tempo.

R-B2 should have been played, then 20. R-Kt3; 21. Q-R3.

20. Q-Q2 21. Q-Q1

If he had to find a good square for the Q, but Q-R3 must be played to hold off Black's KB.

21. R-KKt3 23. P-KKt3

22. R-B2 B-KR5

Perhaps White thought earlier that he could play R-Q2 but saw now that 23. R-B6 would lose the exchange. And if 23. R-Q2, Q-Q5 ch with worse results.

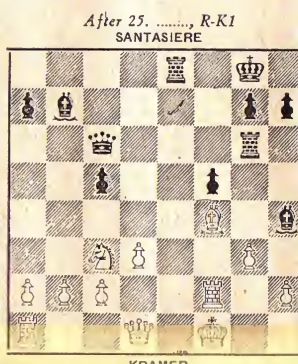
23. Q-B3 24. K-B1 PxP!

Black wants to open the K-file for a mating threat. The PxP would result in a mate by 25. R-Kt3, even if K-K2.

25. BxP

It took 25 moves to get this piece in action, all for a dubious P. Was it worth it?

25. R-K1



After 25. R-K1
SANTASIEPPE

26. Kt-K2 B-Q1 25. P-KR4
27. K-K1 R(3)-R3

The threat was P-Kt4.

28. P-KR3 29. P-R5

Still worried about the P-Kt4.

29. Q-R8 ch 31. Kt-B3 QxQ ch
30. Q-Q2 Q-P 32. Kt-Q4

The reason for Kt-Q4 is that, if P-Kt4; 33. B-K3 saves the B.

32. K-R2 34. P-B3 B-B2
33. B-K3 B-R4 ch 35. P-QKt4

If 35. BxRP, PxP; 36. R-KB1, R-K7 ch and White is tied into a knot.

35. PxP 36. PxP Kt-K3

Black is just teasing.

37. BxQRP

He just cannot do that and live much longer.

37. BxP 42. B-B5 R-B7 ch
38. P-KB1 R-K7 ch 43. K-Q4 R-Q1
39. B-K3 B-K5 ch 44. K-K3 B-Q7 ch
40. K-B4 B-B3 ch 45. K-B3 B-Kt2 ch
41. P-Kt5 R-B1 ch Resigns

The moral of this game is that one cannot play a whole R down (the White QR never got into the play) against such a formidable opponent as Santasieppe.

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

Downtown Y Chess Club

Championship

Pittsburgh, 1948

Notes by Fred Sorensen from "En

Pastant" of the Downtown Y Chess Club

White: P. DIETZ, Black: W. A. MALLORY

1. P-K4 P-QB3 4. Kt-P Kt-KB3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. Kt-Kt ch Kt-P
3. P-Kt3

This line has been less and less in recent tournaments, because 5. Kt-PKt gives Black a clumsy P structure, while 5. Kt-PKt leaves White with a Q-side majority and Black's majority on the K-side is locked.

6. P-QB4

Unusual at this stage, 6. N-QB4 being the book move.

6. B-Kt5 ch

Exchanges are exactly what White wants.

6. B-Q8 was better.

7. QxR BxB 11. O-O Kt-B1
8. QxB O-O 12. KR-K1 B-Kt5
9. B-Q3 R-K1 ch 13. P-KR3 B-R4
10. Kt-K2 Kt-Q2 14. Kt-B4!

Forcing some more exchanges, White's KP is assuming proportions.

14. B-K3 17. BxB Kt-P
15. RxR QxR 18. Kt-Kt RPxKt
16. R-K1 Q-Q2 19. P-Q5 R-Q1

PxP was essential, in order to prevent White from obtaining a "protectable" passed P. Black appears to believe that

Solution:
Endgame Positions No. 21 and 22
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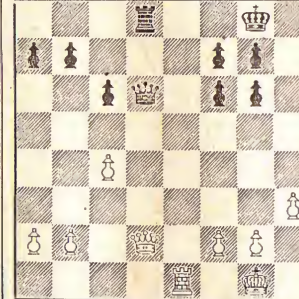
No. 21 by L. Prokes—1. P-R4, K-R1; 2. P-Kt3, K-R1; 3. K-Q2, K-R2; 4. K-R3, P-R3; 5. PxP, KxP; 6. K-B4, R-R2 (if 6. P-Kt4 ch; 7. K-B5, P-Kt5; 8. K-R6, P-Kt6; 9. P-B7, K-R2; 10. K-R7, win); 7. K-Kt5, K-R1; 8. K-R4 (if 8. KxP, K-R1 draws); Kt-K1; 9. KxP wins.

No. 22 by Marwitz—1. R-B3 (1. R-KKt5 fails because of 1. R-R7; 2. RxP, P-B3! and the White Q cannot use the necessary square at K5); R-R7; 2. P-R8Q, P-Kt7; 3. Q-K5 ch, K-R8; 4. Q-Kt7, K-R7; 5. Q-B7 ch, K-R8; 6. Q-B6, R-R7; 7. Q-Q6 ch, K-R8; 8. Q-Q6, K-R7; 9. Q-K5 ch, K-R8; 10. Q-K4, R-B8 ch; 11. K-Q2, R-K8; 12. R-R3, K-R7; 13. Q-K3 wins.

White has overextended himself. He is due for a rule shock, however.

20. P-Q6 QxP?

After 20. QxP?



MALLORY

DIETZ

Giving his opponent the opportunity of applying the principle of guard destruction. However, after 20. pieces, K-B1; 21. P-B5, Black's days are numbered.

21. R-K3 ch! Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE

U. S. Championship Preliminaries

Area 7, New York, 1948

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White: Dr. J. PLATZ, Black: J. F. DONOVAN

1. P-K4 P-QB4 6. B-K2 B-Kt2
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 7. O-O Kt-B3
3. P-Q4 PxP 8. Kt-Kt3 O-O
4. Kt-P Kt-KB3 9. P-B3

5. Kt-QB3 P-KKt3

This move is designed to support the KP and follow up with Kt-Q5 at once.

9. B-K3 11. P-QR4!

10. Kt-Q5 P-QKt4

Introduced by Dr. Euwe against Landau. A mistake would be 11. BxP, BxKt; 12. PxB, Q-Kt3 ch; 13. K-R1, QxR; 14. P-Kt1, QxP and Black has a very good game.

11. BxKt 13. K-R1 Kt-QKt5
12. PxB Q-Kt3 ch, 14. PxP QKt-QP

Of course not 14. R-Kt5Q?; 15. P-B3 wins a piece.

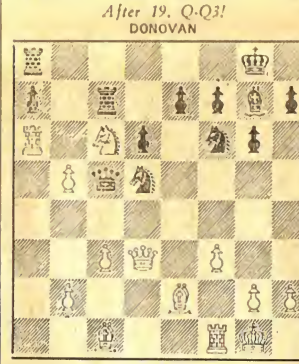
15. R-R6

It will be shown in the course of the game that the advanced KtP in conjunction with the open R-file is stronger than the Black middle P.

15. Q-B2 16. P-B3

Keeps the White R in his strong position by preventing Kt-QKt5 and so prepares the entry of the White Kt at QM4.

16. KR-B1 18. Kt-B6 B-R2
17. Kt-Q4 Q-B4 19. Q-Q3!



DONOVAN

PLATZ

Paving the way for the ultimate capture of Black's QRP, as it prepares B-Q2 and P-QKt4 trapping the Q. White rejected here rightfully 19. P-QKt4, QxP; 20. R-R3, QxR; 21. B-Q, Kt-R5; 22. Q-Q8, Kt-R3; 23. BxKt and White, with Q and B against two Rs and P will have a hard task to prove his superiority.

19. R-Q2 21. B-K3 Q-Q4
20. B-Q2 Kt-B2

Inefficient would be 21. Kt-R; 22. BxQ, Kt-B3; 23. Q-B4.

22. RxP RxR 24. Q-Kt3 Q-R5
23. BxB Q-R7 25. P-QB4

This keeps the Black Q on the Q-side.

25. P-Q4 27. B-Kt6 Kt-Kt1

26. P-QKt3 Q-R6

White threatened Kt-K5.

28. R-Q1 P-K3 30. R-Q3

29. B-R5 P-Q5

Threatens the Q by P-QKt4 and B-Q1.

30. Q-B4 35. P-B5 Q-Q4
31. B-Kt4 Q-Kt3 36. Q-K4 QKt-B2
32. P-Q1 Kt-R5 37. P-Kt6 Q-Q
33. B-R5 Q-B4 38. PxQ Kt-R3
34. P-QKt4 Q-Q3

Black was in time trouble; however the Kt could go only to R1, after which White wins with B-R6 and P-Kt7.

39. BxKt P-K4 40. P-Kt7 Resigns

FOUR KNIGHTS' GAME

Team Match, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White: A. OSA, Black: NEWPORT

1. P-K4 Kt-KB3
2. Kt-QB3

This looks like Alekhine's Defense.

2. Kt-QB3

But White doesn't care for that.

Annotators
J. B. Gee, Dr. Herzberger, A. Y. Hoste, Dr. J. Platz, Fred Reinfeld, I. Rivise, Ed. J. Korpany, G. E. Page, Dr. Bela Rozsa, J. Soudakoff

2. P-K4
3. P-Q4; 3. P-K5, P-Q5 is interesting and quite playable. Black, however, offers a Vienna Opening, which also offers even chances.

3. Kt-B3

But White doesn't care for that. At last Black settles for a Four Knights' Game.

4. B-Kt5 Kt-Q5

The famous Rubinstein Defense against which White must proceed with caution.

5. Kt-Kt1 PxKt 6. Kt-K2

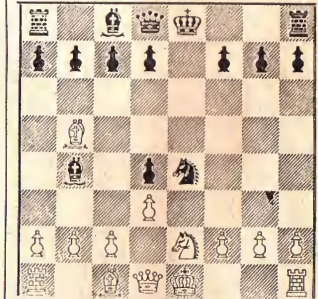
Either 6. P-K5 can be played here or 6. Kt-Q5. The move was probably made with the intention of answering 6. Kt-P with Kt-P.

6. Kt-P 7. P-Q3

White probably begins to realize that after 7. Kt-P, R-R1; 8. P-B3 (or 8. Q-B3), O-O Black's position would be far superior. This shows that 6. Kt-K2 was unwise, for White's latest move still does not liberate him.

7. B-Kt5 ch

After 7. B-Kt5 ch
NEWPORT



SOSA

8. Q-B3

There was some hope of salvation by 8. K-R1, for then the Black Kt must move and White recovers his P. The move chosen, however, loses a second P. Its only asset is fairly rapid development for a possible violent attack on the Black K.

8. PxP 10. BxP Kt-B3
9. O-O PxP 11. R-Kt1

This is too slow. 11. Q-Kt3 is better, though after 11. B-K2, White must guard against 12. P-B3 and 13. P-Q4 (or Kt4) winning the P. A little care is all Black needs now to prove that he won in the opening.

11. Kt-B2 19. R-K4 Q-B3
12. Kt-R4 O-O 20. R-R4 R-R4
13. R-K1 P-QB3 21. R-Q1 QR-K1
14. B-R4 P-Q4 22. B-B1 B-Kt3
15. B-B2 P-Q5 23. Q-Kt4 P-KR4
16. B-Kt3 Q-B3 24. Q-Kt5 B-K2
17. Kt-R5 Kt-Kt1 25. QxQ BxQ
18. QxKt P-QB4 26. R-R3 B-B3

Resigns

VIENNA OPENING

U. S. Open Tournament

Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by J. B. Gee

White: W. W. ADAMS, Black: E. LASKER

1. P-K4 Kt-KB3 4. Kt-B3 P-Q3
2. Kt-QB3 P-K4 5. B-Kt5 Kt-B3
3. P-B4 B-B4

Kt-R2 is also good. If White wins the KP, Black gets a strong attack.

6. Q-K2

White's switch from the Vienna has put him in a poor variation.

6. O-O 9. Kt-P R-K1
7. BxKt PxP 10. Kt-B3
8. PxP

The win of a mere P for a few moves puts White in an undesirable position.

10. Kt-P

Of course!

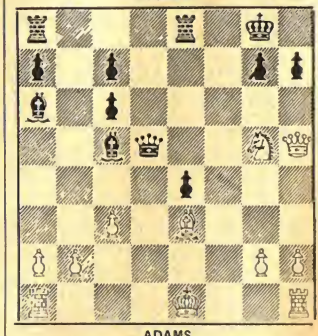
11. Kt-Kt1 P-B4 13. Kt-Kt5 QxP
12. P-Q4 PxKt

A P up with a winning position.

14. P-B3 Q-Q4 15. B-K3 B-B3
If 15. QxR, BxR; and White could resign.

16. Q-R5

After 16. Q-R5
LASKER



ADAMS

Desperation, as the game is virtually lost. If 16. Q-K32, R-KB1!

16. BxB 19. R-Q7 R-K2
17. QxP ch K-B1 Resigns
18. Q-R1 QxKt

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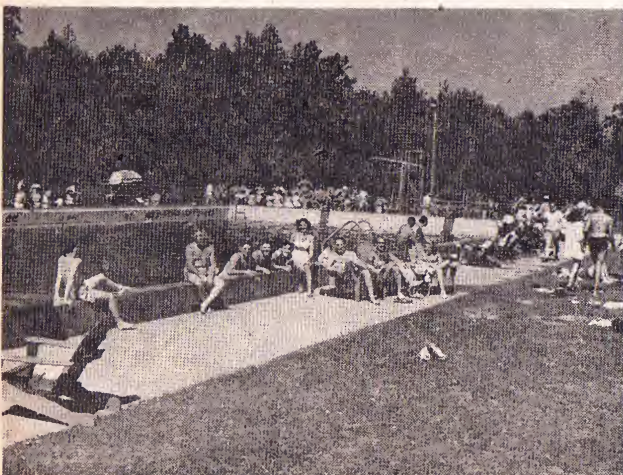


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BISGUIER WINS JUNIOR



WHERE CHESS PLAYERS WILL COOL OFF BETWEEN GAMES

Typical of the comfort and beauty that invites at South Fallsburg, Sullivan County, New York, is the swimming pool surrounded by a woodland scene of refreshing beauty.



CHESS—A FAMILIAR SCENE

At South Fallsburg, where most of the residents play chess, this is a daily sight. A. C. Balducci (playing Black) is responsible for much of the local chess enthusiasm, and is one of the principal organizers of the U. S. Championship Tournament.

N. May Karff Retains Woman's Title At U. S. Open Championship Tourney

Playing with her usual verve and persuasiveness, Miss N. May Karff retained the U. S. Women's Open Championship in a double-round tourney at Baltimore with a perfect score of 6-0. With the title goes custody of the Helen Cobb trophy which Miss Karff has held since 1938. Second place went to Miss Adele Raettig with 3-3. Since Miss Karff is already seeded in the U. S. Women's Championship Tournament at South Fallsburg, it is probable that the place reserved for the U. S. Woman's Open Champion will be awarded to Miss Raettig.

U. S. Woman's Open Championship
Miss N. May Karff (New York) 6-0
Miss Adele Raettig (New York) 3-3
Mrs. Catherine E. Jones (Columbus) 2-4
Mrs. Beverly Bartholomew (Baltimore) 1-5

Third place in the Baltimore Woman's Open went to Ohio State Women's Champion, Mrs. Catherine E. Jones with 2-4.

See Page Two for story on the National Chess Coordination Program by Paul G. Giers.

WEBBER SCORES IN NOVA SCOTIA

C. Webber of Halifax was winner of the first Nova Scotia Championship with M. MacConnell of Halifax as the runner-up. In neighboring New Brunswick is the only exclusively women's chess club in Canada—the Loyalist Chess Club of St. John.

FRANK ANDERSON SECOND TIED IN POINTS FOR FIRST

Jim Cross Third, Then Poschel, Berliner, Krauss and G. Miller

In a stirring finish Arthur Bisguier of New York and Frank Anderson of Toronto tied for first with 8-2. Top honors were awarded to Bisguier on a Sonneborn-Berger rating, with Anderson second. Jim Cross of Glendale was third with 7-1-2. Ranked as fourth to seventh respectively on weighted scores were Paul Poschel of Chicago, Hans Berliner of Washington, George Krauss of New York and George Miller of Cleveland. Philip LeCormu of Detroit was eighth with 6-3-3.

Championship of the under 16 age group went to Jackie Mayer of Louisville with 5-1-4, and second place to Philip Roginson of Knoxville with 5-5 who was tied in points with Ross Siemms of Toronto.

In winning the title Bisguier defeated Gross, Berliner, Schmidt, Oaker, Cook, Giertych, and drew with Anderson, Krauss, G. Miller and Smith.

Frank Anderson won from Friedman, Poschel, LeCormu, Hickman, Rogan, Sullivan, Smith, and drew with Bisguier and Berliner, but lost a game to Cross.

Fifty enthusiastic juniors assembled to compete in the Third U. S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge, Tenn. from seventeen States; the District of Columbia and two Canadian Provinces. Among them were champions galore: Bisguier (Manhattan), Anderson (Toronto), Sullivan (Southern), Cross (California Junior), Friedman (defending U. S. Junior), Kujoth (Wisconsin), LeSage (Montreal Junior), Poschel (Illinois Junior) to name but a few. Blindfold wizard George Koltanowski was tournament director.

See August 20 issue for details.

Final Standings	
A. Bisguier	8-2
F. Anderson	8-2
J. B. Cross	7-1-2
Paul Poschel	7-3
Hans Berliner	7-3
George Krauss	7-3
George Miller	7-3
P. LeCormu	6-3-3
J. T. Gilbert	6-3-3
K. R. Smith	6-3-3
R. Kujoth	6-4
G. Church	6-4
L. Friedman	6-4
John Ragan	6-4
R. Schmidt	5-4-2
James Cook	5-4-2
E. Denison	5-4-2
G. Sullivan	5-4-2
Stephen Smale	5-4-2
J. Mayer	5-4-2
H. Miller	5-4-2
Leslie Kilmer	5-4-2
P. Robinson	5-5
B. Siemms	5-5
H. Hickman	5-5
M. Rogan	5-5
K. Hastings	5-5
H. T. Giertych	5-5
H. Janin	5-5
T. Kage	5-5
Alfred Piper	4-5-5
W. Oaker	4-5-5
H. Goodman	4-5-5
H. Stanbridge	4-5-5
G. Prohl	4-5-5
D. Levadi	4-5-5
D. Converse	4-6
E. Hearst	4-6
R. Lesage	4-6
A. Block	4-6
M. Glass	4-6
H. Hart	3-6-3
C. Nance	3-6-3
C. Newton	3-6-3
R. Fitzgerald	3-7
W. Nance	3-7
E. Lanning	3-7
L. Gittman	3-8
H. Miller	2-8
H. Gordon	0-10

SECOND CALL

Chess fans! Do not fail to support the biggest event in American chess, United States Chess Championship Tournament, South Fallsburg, Sullivan County, New York, August 10—August 31.

Your help is needed now. No contributions too large for requirements of tournament fund—none too small to be gratefully acknowledged. Send your check today to Harold M. Phillips, Chairman Finance Committee, 258 Broadway, New York, N. Y., payable to order U. S. Chess Federation 1948 Championship Fund.

DR. ROZSA WINS HOUSTON TOUR'Y

Dr. Bela Rozsa, Tulsa University professor and CHESS LIFE games annotator, won the first annual Houston Invitation Masters Tournament, sponsored by the Houston Morphy Chess Club on the three-day July 4th week-end.

The rotund Oklahoman, playing against many of the top chessmen of the Southwest, finished with 4-1-2, defeating the veteran J. C. Thompson of Dallas in the opening round. Thompson was second with 4-1 in the five round Swiss, Pete Hermann of Houston third with 3-2 in a tie with Bill Janes of Leroy, and Clay Merchant of Houston. M. M. Williams and J. Allen Anderson directed the tournament.

Houston Invitation Tourney	
Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa)	4-1
J. C. Thompson (Dallas)	4-1
Pete Hermann (Houston)	3-2
Bill Janes (Leroy)	3-2
Clay Merchant (Houston)	3-2
George H. Smith (Houston)	3-2
Jesse Stupp (Dallas)	2-3-2
Ernest Anderson (Tulsa)	2-3
Leon Pollock (San Antonio)	2-3
Walter Weaver (Austin)	2-3
Kenneth Smith (Dallas)	1-5-3
A. G. Miller (Tulsa)	0-5

FAUST AWARDED GAME PRIZE

Edwin Faust was awarded the brilliancy prize for his victory over John Hurt in the preliminaries of the Charleston City Championship. Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, games editor of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, made the award which consists of one year's subscription to CHESS LIFE.

WEAVER W. ADAMS STAGES BRILLIANT RECOVERY TO WIN

Loses Only One Point In Last 9 Rounds After Point and Half Loss In 3 Rounds

The story of the 1948 U. S. Open Tournament at Baltimore is the tale of a brilliant recovery after a disheartening beginning. Losing to Carl Pilnick in the second round and drawing with N. T. Whitaker in the third, Weaver Adams began the fourth round with only his initial victory over Leo Frank to console him. His score at this point was a weak 1-1-1 when compared with the 3-0 of Kashdan, Pavey, Donovan, Pilnick and Santasiere, for a point and half handicap can be a hopeless one in a Swiss tournament.

But beginning with round four, Weaver Adams played superb chess, winning seven and drawing two in the last nine rounds of play to come from behind in one of the spectacular finishes of recent chess events. In these nine rounds he defeated Tralins, Barasch, Stark, Santasiere, Mengarini, Pavey and Kramer, and drew with Kashdan and Ulvestad. The validity of his victory is attested by the fact that he faced four of the seven players who finished immediately behind him (unusual in a Swiss), and scored three out of four points against them.

Kashdan Leads

For five rounds defending champion Kashdan looked unbeatable as he downed Jenkins, Nash, Bain, Pilnick and Pavey in order. At this point his nearest rivals were Kramer and Mengarini with 4-1-2, and Kramer, Ulvestad, Bisguier, Pavey, Steinmeyer, Pilnick, Kujoth and Isaacs with 4-1 each. Weaver Adams had a modest 3-1-2 and did not appear to be in the running.

Round six, and Kashdan lost to Kramer! There followed draws in rounds seven and eight to Ulvestad and Adams, and the picture changed. Pavey leads with 7-1 with Ulvestad and Kramer on his heels with 6-1-1. Following closely are Kashdan, Bisguier, Pilnick and Mengarini with 6-2. Weaver Adams has now joined the charmed circle with a 6-2 score.

Round Nine

The breaks begin to tell. Bisguier loses to Kashdan, Pilnick to Kramer, Mengarini to Adams, Pavey to Ulvestad. Ulvestad and Kramer lead with 7-1-1. On their heels are Adams and Kashdan with 7-2 each. Round ten and Ulvestad

and Kramer draw against each other. Kashdan draws with Evans, and Adams bests Pavey, Adams, Ulvestad and Kramer are tied at 8-2. Kashdan and McCormick follow with 7-2-1.

Round Eleven

The critical moment comes. Adams defeats Kramer, Ulvestad draws with McCormick, and Kashdan draws with Pinkus. Now Weaver Adams has the reward of his steady play and leads 9-2. Breathing down his neck is Ulvestad with 8-2-1; and close behind are Kashdan, Kramer, Bisguier and McCormick with 8-3. Round twelve, and victory is not certain—Ulvestad can still win.

Kashdan bests McCormick, Kramer defeats Evans, Bisguier draws with Donovan. And by a trick of fortuitous pairing Adams and his most dangerous rival at this point meet—and draw!

Such was the fitting conclusion of one of the most exciting of U. S. Open Tournaments in recent times.

Swiss Individual Scores on Page 4.

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Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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CHESS LIFE with the cooperation of Dr. P. G. Keeney is pleased to lend space to the tying up of several loose ends, resulting from the discontinuance of the problem department in The Chess Correspondent. The following material received from Eric Hassberg, Problem Editor of the Correspondent, announces the awards of a problem composing tourney originated in the problem department of the Correspondent.

SECOND THIRD-DEGREE TOURNEY AWARD C.C.L.A.

By F. Gamage

First Prize—N. Guttman. A brilliant doubling of the two-piece form, shown with reciprocal play, a flight giving key, and excellent construction.

Second Prize—E. M. Hassberg. The only three-piece example in existence, a most original task. There is an additional double-pin mate after the flight, happily already provided for in the set.

Third Prize—V. L. Eaton. A doubling of the inversed form after moves of the Black Knight, presented in form of chain progression correction.

First Special Prize—J. Buchwald. An artistically splendid non-correction example presented with two removal threats, and brilliant dual avoidance play of the Black Rook.

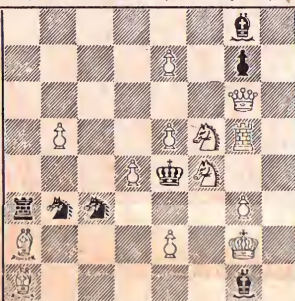
Second Special Prize—E. M. Hassberg. A beautiful lightweight with virtual play, a fine thematic key, and excellent by-play, making for great unity.

Third Special Prize—V. L. Eaton. This problem combines the non-correction form with the virtual one; a wealth of fine by-play, and good tries.

Honorable Mentions, 1-5: R. Trump and E. M. Hassberg; E. Visserman and C. Goldschmeding; N. Guttman; E. M. Hassberg; N. Guttman and E. M. Hassberg. **Commendations, 1-4:** J. Buchwald; N. Guttman; J. Buchwald; E. M. Hassberg.

First Prize

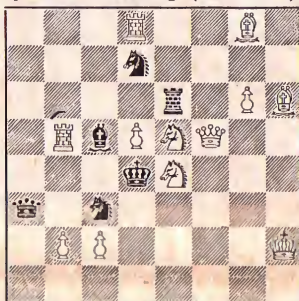
By N. Guttman (Minneapolis)



Mate in two
Key: 1. Sd5

Second Prize

By E. M. Hassberg (New York)



Mate in two
Key: 1. Sd2

Third Prize

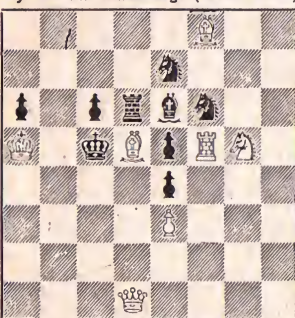
By V. L. Eaton (Washington)



Mate in two
Key: 1. Sg3

Second Special Prize

By E. M. Hassberg (New York)



Mate in two
Key: 1. Qa4

First to Fifth Honorable Mention:

R. Trump and E. M. Hassberg: 1BSRq3, 3s4, 2p1pQ2, 2pk4, 2s2pR1, rr3P1S, BB2P2K, 8. 1. Qxf4.
E. Visserman and C. Goldschmeding: 4BR2, 2Bpp2p, S2sk3, 1R1p2P1, 5p2, 4bS2, 1r2R3, 1b3K1Q, 1. Bb8.
N. Guttman: 2R3K1, 5S2, 3P2Q1, 1pbk3, 1r6, 1sp2P2, B1Ss4, 3R4, 1. Bd4.
E. M. Hassberg: 8. 4rlp, S2R1BK1, 8. 4k3, 1B1S1p2, 2sP1b2, 1Qrs4, 1. Be6.
N. Guttman and E. M. Hassberg: 4b1Qb, B1S1K3, 2B1pp2, R7, 5ksS, 3p4, 3sqpR1, 8. 1. QxP.

First to Fourth Commendation:

J. Buchwald: 8, 2S2pB1, R1b2sR1, 4k3, 1Q4Ph, 1s3P2, rqpS2K1, 8. 1. Bh6.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Don Quixote of the Chessboard

JANOWSKI fritted away a lifetime of chess playing trying to imitate the brilliant play of his youth. Chess devotees of a later generation have had to accept the story of his combinative powers on trust, and sometimes they have accepted it with a grain of salt. But the following charming miniature shows us how Janowski played at his imitatively dashing best.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT Nuremberg, 1896

White: D. Janowski
1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. Kt-KB3
4. P-K3
5. PxP
Black: E. Schallopp
P-Q4
Pxp
P-QB4
Pxp
B-Kt5?

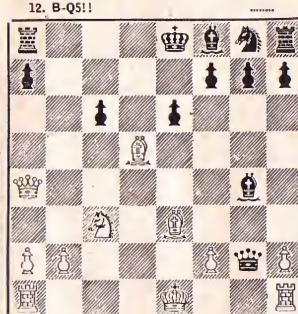
As a disciple of the immortal Anderssen, Schallopp was himself fond of mettlesome play. But the rash opening up of the game (3. P-QB4) followed by the weakening of the Queenside (5. B-Kt5) only plays into Janowski's hands.

6. BxP P-K3
White threatened 7. Bxp ch.
7. Q-R4ch! Kt-B3
Inadequate, but what else has he? If 7. Kt-Q2; 8. Kt-K5, Kt-B3; 9. B-KKt5, B-KB4; 10. Ktx-Kt, QxKt; 11. B-Kt5 winning the Queen!

8. Kt-K5 QxP
He means to bluster it out with brazen counterattack.

9. KtxKt Q-K5ch
10. B-K3 PxKt
11. Kt-B3 QxP
Precariously holding on to the

QBP. But Janowski shoves him aside brutally:
12. B-Q5!!



12. QxPch
Or 13. K-K2; 14. KtxP ch. K-Q1; 15. QxR ch and Black can resign.
14. QxRch K-Q2
15. Q-K5ch K-K3
16. Q-B6ch B-Q3
17. B-B4! Resigns
For if 17. QxR ch; 18. K-Q2, QxR; 19. QxR ch and mate in two more moves.

N. Guttman: 3K4, 3SQ3, 2pp1p2, 3k4, R2b4, BP1s4, 2B1r3, 2srR3, 1. Bc5.
J. Buchwald: K3R3, 4b3, 2S4Q, 2p2kp1, 4s3, 3s2PP, 5P2, 4R2b. 1. Pf4.
E. M. Hassberg: 4sR2, 2P2p2, 3bpSsR, 3r1k1S, 3B4, 1B2Q1PP, b1P4K, 8. 1. Sh7.
In all nine above problems, White mates in two moves.

Solutions:

The keymove to Problem No. 33 is B-Kt2. Easy but sparkling deceler exhibiting 6 royal battery checkmates.

Problem No. 34 yields to key of Q-R4. A brilliant sacrifice key with some appealing mates.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 29, 30, 31 and 32 are belatedly acknowledged received from Edgar Holladay (Charlottesville, Va.) and Rev. G. M. Chidley (Ontario, Canada).
Correct solutions to Problems No. 33 and 34 were received from Jack Spence (Omaha), Edgar Holladay (Charlottesville), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Nicholas Gabor (Cincinnati), T. Lundberg (Dallas), Rev. G. M. Chidley (Ontario, Can.), J. Bolton (New Haven), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.).
Correct solution to Problem No. 33 was received from Malcolm Brown (Weymouth, Pa.) and Dr. Erman (Detroit).

Open Letter

To The U. S. Chess Federation

We all wish to express our appreciation to the United States Chess Federation for selecting Oak Ridge as the site of the Third United States Junior Championship Tournament and for their sponsorship; the Atomic Energy Commission in the person of Mr. John C. Franklin, Manager; Mr. George Koltanowski for his eminently fair and smoothly efficient direction of the tournament; and last but not least, to the members of the Oak Ridge Chess Club for their gracious hospitality and their constant effort to make the Tournament an interesting and pleasant event, one to be long remembered in the annals of Junior Chess.

We have enjoyed everything, even when the weather was hot, and look forward to repeating this experience, perhaps sometime within the next five years as suggested in the opening address by Mr. Gordon R. Molesworth, representative of Mr. Franklin.

It was a tough tournament and the best man won.

Cordially yours,

Steve Smale
Keith Hastings
Marvin Rogan
Robert Fitzgerald
Jack Kagetsu
Jim Cross
Paul Poschel
Harold B. Hart

K. R. Smith
Earl Dennison
Russ Church
David I. Levadi
Leslie E. Kilmer
Ross Siemens
A. Piper
Philip Robinson

Joe T. Gilbert
William Oaker
Robert Schmidt
Henry Giertych
Arthur Bisguier
Harold Miller
Frank Anderson
Harry C. Stanbridge

BYLAND CAPTURES PITTSBURGH TITLE

Victory in the Metropolitan Pittsburgh Tourney went to W. M. Byland with 6-4. Second was a three-way tie between Sorenson, Spiro and Wagner with 5½-4½ each. E. A. Coons directed the tournament.

Some comment was occasioned by an agreement to draw after the first move in the Byland-Spiro game.

(Laws of Chess; Draws by mutual agreement, but only after 30 moves have been made with the Black men. Part I, 16—1939 USCF Yearbook.)

ILLINOIS DOWNS WISCONSIN TEAM

In the annual Illinois vs. Wisconsin team match, held at the Chess Club of Chicago, 185 W. Madison St. the Illinois team conquered its ancient rival by a score of 7½-2½.

Illinois	Wisconsin
A. L. Sandrin.....1	I. Karman.....0
L. J. Isaacs.....1	P. Liebig.....0
E. Michelson.....1	S. New.....0
H. Hahlbahn.....1	A. Elo.....0
D. Scheffer.....1	A. Powers.....0
Ang. Sandrin.....1	D. Clark.....0
O. Oleson.....0	A. Stobbe.....1
B. Frank.....1	M. Ptacek.....0
W. Grombacher.....1	R. Crittenden.....1
L. Silverberg.....0	G. Hurley.....1
Illinois.....7½	Wisconsin.....2½

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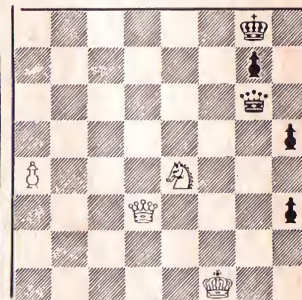
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Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 8



6k1, 6p1, 6q1, 7p, P3S3,
3Q3p, 8, 5K2
White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 8 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE, by August 20th.

Solution to Position No. 6

Taken from a game by Dr. A. Alekhine in a simultaneous exhibition. Here's the game: White: Alekhine; Black: N. N. 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. R-Kt3, R-Q4; 3. B-K5, P-QB3; 4. B-B4, P-QB; 5. P-Q4, Pxp; 6. QxP, B-Q2; 7. BxKt, BxR; 8. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 9. B-K5, B-K2; 10. O-O-O, O-O; 11. P-KR4, P-KR3; 12. Kt-Q5, P-B; 13. Rxb ch, QxKt; 14. Pxp, KxKt; 15. R-B5, P-B4; 16. P-Kt6, Q-K3; and the position has arisen presented in our diagram No. 6. It is evident that if Black can gain the P on Kt3 he should win, as White's attack would be gone. Black also threatens QxRP.

17. Kt-K5!! (The best move! White threatens QxR1 and R-R8 mate. Immediately QxR1 is stopped by QxRP; 18. Kt-K6, QxR1; 19. BxQ, P-Kt; and Black has three pieces for his Q.) P-Kt; 18. Q-R1, QxR; 19. Q-B4 ch (the point to the combination), Q-B2; 20. R-R8 mate.

Correct solutions were received from Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit), Jack Spence (Omaha), L. G. Spangue (Cleveland), Dr. Julius S. Weingart (Des Moines), E. J. Korpauly (Maspeth, N.Y.). Congratulations.

Spain: The championship of Castille: 1. A. Pomar 7½ pts (on 9); 2-3. Perez and Sanz 6 pts; 4-5. Bnkall and Lastanosa 5 pts, etc. A fine new victory of young Pomar.

The championship of the Barce-lona Chess Club: 1. Llorens 12½ (on 15); 2. Vallve 12; 3. Giertra 11; 4. Catalan 10½; 5. Menendez 8½, etc.

Krakau, Poland: 21 players participated in the VI Championship of Poland. 1. Makarczyk 14½ pts; 2. Gawlikowski 14; 3-5. Sliwa, Szapiel and Gadalsinski 13; 6. Borowski 12½; 7-8. Tarnowski and Plater 12, etc.

Speaking of Poland reminds me of the following brilliant game played in Lodz in 1929 by Najdorf, who was then 19 years old. White: Najdorf; Black: Sapiro. French Defense. 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. Kt-QB3, Pxp; 4. KtxP, QxKt-Q2; 5. Kt-KB3, Kt-Kt3; 6. B-Q3, B-K2; 7. O-O, P-QKt3; 8. Kt-K5, B-Kt2; 9. KtxKt ch, PxKt; 10. KtxKBP!! (The fireworks have started!), KxKt; 11. Q-R5 ch, K-Kt1; 12. R-K1, Kt-B1; 13. RxKP!! (A second sacrifice more surprising than the first), KtxR; 14. B-QB4, Q-Q3; 15. B-KR6 (Threat- (Continued on Page 5, col. 5))

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August 14-15

Massachusetts State Championship Amherst, Mass.

Men's Open Championship, Women's Championship, East vs. West Team Match, Kriegspiel, etc.; sponsored jointly by Massachusetts State Chess Ass'n and Western Massachusetts Chess League; played at University of Massachusetts, Amherst; for details write Franklin J. Sanborn, 985 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

September 1

Correspondence Chess Championship of the U.S.A.

Conducted by the CCLA (Correspondence Chess League of America) under the auspices of the USCF. Open to all chess players. Entry fees to CCLA members \$1.00 per section; to non-members \$1.50 per section. Players non-members of the USCF, add \$1.00 for membership dues to entry fees. Write CCLA Secretary Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa.

September 4-6

Pennsylvania State Championship Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Open to Pennsylvania players; held at Pittsburgh Hotel; State, Junior and Women's Championship divisions; write W. M. Byland 3244 Latonia, Pittsburgh 16, Pa. for details.

September 4-6

14th Annual Southwestern Open Championship San Antonio, Texas

Open to all players; held at Gunter Hotel, San Antonio; write B. R. Millem, 419 E. Dewey, San Antonio for details.

Nebraska Open Championship North Platte, Nebraska

Open to all chess players; held at North Platte Chess Club; for details write Jack Spence, Room 317, YMCA Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr.

September 4-6

New England Championship Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Open to New England chess players; Swiss system; entry fee \$10; played at 27 Congress Street, Portsmouth; for details write Alex Sadowsky, 71 Profile Avenue, Portsmouth, N. H.

September 4-6

2nd Georgia Open Tournament Augusta, Georgia

Open to all chess players; Swiss system; played at Sheraton Bon-Air Hotel in Augusta; for details write Paul L. Cromelin, 1755 Kings Woods Drive, Augusta, Ga.

September 4-6

West Virginia State Championship South Charleston, West Virginia

Tournaments for State, Women's and Junior championships, open to West Virginia players; will be played at Recreation Hall, South Charleston under auspices of Carhide Chess Club; Entry fees: State Championship \$5; Player's Tournament and Women's \$2; Junior Championship \$1; write H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va. for hotel reservations and send him entries.

September 4-6

Ohio State Chess Championship Columbus, Ohio

Open to Ohio players; Swiss system; to be held at Seneca Hotel; write S. L. Trumbull, 190 S. Trusel St., Columbus for hotel reservations and details.

September 4-6

Virginia State Championship Charlottesville, Virginia

Open to Virginia players; played at Albemarle Hotel; State Championship, Class A and Class B tournaments.

Illinois State Championship Chicago, Illinois

Open to all Illinois players; entry fee \$3.00; 7-round Swiss; play starts 1 p.m. Saturday at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 W. Madison St.; write Earl W. Davidson, 44 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago 9 for details.

September 4-6

North Carolina Championship Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Open to all chess players; date tentative; Class A and B championships; further details when arrangements are made final.

September 4-12

New York State Championship Endicott, New York

Open to New York chess players, with team matches in addition to regular championship and non-championship meets; to be played at En-Joie Park at Endicott; for details write M. L. Mitchell, 1208 Monroe Street, Endicott, N. Y.

The United States Chess Championship will be held at South Fallsburg, New York, from August 10 to August 31. Those wishing to be present during any part of the tournament should write to the Chamber of Commerce, South Fallsburg, New York, for information.

M. R. SMITH WINS HOUSTON TITLE

In the annual City Championship Tournament conducted by the Houston Morphy Chess Club Mevis R. Smith captured his third City Championship in the last four years in a seven round Swiss. Second place went to Pete Hermann. The growing Houston Morphy Club now numbers over 100 members, including 10 women players, and is now established in its own quarters with a growing loan library for members in addition to the usual chess equipment of tables and sets.

STAUFFER TIES HILDEBRANDT FOR AUSTIN TITLE

In a tight race Ray Hildebrandt and Charles E. Stauffer ended in a tie at 11-3 each for championship of the Austin (Chicago) Chess and Checker Club. John A. Nowak, club president, finished on their heels with 10-4, and tournament manager Wallace A. Norin with 9-4-1.

Paul Poschel, former Club Champion, was unable to defend his title, due to commitments at Oak Ridge, but before he left successfully retained his Lightning Championship with a 6-1 score in a 7-round Swiss. Paul Adams and Wallace A. Norin tied for second with 5-2 each.

Before leaving for Oak Ridge, Poschel gave a simultaneous exhibition, scoring 12 wins and 6 draws against a very strong field.

Solutions:

Endgame Positions No. 23 and 24
Chess Life, July 5th, 1948

Position No. 23 by A. Carrat: 1. K-Kt6 (menacing 2. Kt-Kt4 followed by mate), Kt-B1; 2. Kt-P, Q-Q5; 3. RtxP, Kt-K2 ch; 4. K-R6; K-B2 (if 4... Kt-K3; 5. K-B6, K-B2; 6. Kt-K5 ch, Kt-Kt; 7. K-R7, etc.), 5. K-R7, Kt-K1; 6. Kt-B5; Kt-B3; 7. K-R8, K-K1; (if 7... Kt-K1; 8. Kt-Q6 ch, etc.); 8. Kt-K7 ch, K-B3; 9. Kt-Q5! Kt-K1; 10. K-R7 and wins.

Position No. 24 by F. Fischer: 1. K-K12, K-R2; 2. Kt-K4, K-R3; 3. K-R4, K-R3; 4. B-R2, K-Q2 (if 4... Kt-K3; 5. K-Q4 etc.); 5. K-Q5, K-B1; 6. K-B6, Kt-B2; 7. B-K4 (or B4 or K5); 8. Kt-B1; 9. B-Q1 Kt-B2; 10. K-K16 (without the B at Q6, Black could now play Kt-Q4 followed by Kt-K5 check with a draw), Kt-B1 ch; 10. K-R6, K-Q2; 11. B-K14! (But not 11. K-K7, KxK; 12. KxKt, K-B2 drawing), K-R1 (or B3); 12. B-R5 and wins.

ROBISON WINS GRAND NATIONAL

Victory in the Ninth CCLA Grand National Correspondence Chess Championship went to H. H. Robison of Oakland, Calif. This event, conducted by the Correspondence Chess League of America, began in September, 1941.

In the opening round Robison won from N. A. Moiselef, Carl Bergman, Arbee Young, C. W. Spaulding, J. B. Gee, W. J. Prewett and drew with George Oakes and Tom Pritchard for a score of 7-1. In round two Robison defeated the late Allan G. Pearsall, Frank Hufnagel, Clark Merritt, drew with I. J. Hoswell, M. O. Meyer and A. N. Pray, tying with Meyer and Pray at 4-1-1.

In round three, Robison defeated Carl Weber, James Hurt, Clemente Villareal and A. N. Pray, drew with M. O. Meyer, and lost to A. C. Powers for a 4-1-1 score, tying with Weber and Powers.

In the final round Robison defeated Sven Brask and Carl Weber twice, and split two games each with A. C. Powers and Franz Neugebauer for a 6-2 score, winning the 9th Grand National Championship.

OKLAHOMA CHESS

Stillwater Chess		Tulsa Chess	
Monk	0	Rozsa	2
Burris	0	Anderson	2
McLaughlin	2	Miller	0
Patten	2	Whitfield	13
Graha	2	Lofon	2
Kerr	0	Ernest	2
Stillwater	23	Tulsa	93

U. S. Women's Open Championship Baltimore, Maryland

Player	Karff	Raettig	Jones	Bartholomew	Score
N. May Karff	x	x	1	1	6-0
Adele Raettig	0	x	1	1	3-3
Catherine Jones	0	0	x	1	2-4
Beverly Bartholomew	0	0	0	x	1-5

Metropolitan Pittsburgh Championship

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Byland	x	1	1	1	0	1	6-4
Swanson	1	1	0	1	1	1	5-5
Spro	0	1	0	x	x	1	5-4
Wagner	0	1	0	1	x	1	5-4
Hickman	1	1	0	1	0	x	5-5
Werner	0	0	1	0	0	1	2-5

Women's Preliminary Tourney

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
G. K. Grosser	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-0
K. Henschel	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	5-1
W. Henschel	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	4-2
Grumette	0	0	0	x	0	1	1	1	4-3
E. Wray	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	4-3
M. Stephens	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-5
Helen Raettig	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1-6
M. Peters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-7

UNITED STATES 49TH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Twelve Round Swiss System

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1. Adams, W. W. (Dedham)	W27	L15	D40	W73	W32	W37	W16	D2	W20	W6	W3	J04	9-3
2. Kashdan, I. (New York)	W69	W36	W22	W15	W67	L3	D4	D1	W5	D13	D7	W9	9-3
3. Kramer, G. (New York)	W40	W72	D8	W46	W37	W2	W20	L6	W15	D4	L1	W13	9-3
4. Ulvestad, O. (Seattle)	L15	W35	W32	W19	W31	W8	D2	W40	W6	D3	D9	D1	9-3
5. Bisguier, A. (New York)	W39	L37	W67	W29	W14	L6	W25	W8	L2	W18	W20	D12	8-3
6. Pavey, M. (New York)	W13	W38	W21	W12	L2	W3	W15	W3	L4	D1	D13	W30	8-3
7. Pinkus, A. S. (Brooklyn)	D30	W54	W31	L37	D23	W22	W10	D20	D37	W36	D2	W25	8-3
8. Steinneyer, R. (St. Louis)	W53	W13	D2	D16	W25	L4	W28	L5	D12	W24	W30	W31	8-3
9. McConick, E. (East Orange)	D52	W17	L46	W60	W47	L40	W34	W31	W16	W15	D4	L2	8-1
10. Shapiro, O. (Washington)	W55	D46	W66	L20	D72	W29	L7	W11	D30	W22	W40	D15	8-4
11. Hartleb, G. (Erie)	W60	L20	W58	L13	W36	D19	W52	L10	W45	D17	W28	W22	8-4
12. Dancon, J. (Brooklyn)	W33	W18	W28	L6	L15	W44	L40	W25	D8	D19	W30	D25	7-4
13. Evans, I. (New York)	W45	L8	W37	W11	L18	W41	W23	D31	W40	D2	D6	L3	7-4
14. Kibner, L. (Elmhurst)	W51	L22	W35	W42	L5	L12	W27	W41	L36	W39	D31	W32	7-4
15. Pihick, C. (New York)	W1	W1	W41	L2	W12	W28	L6	W45	L3	L9	W19	D16	7-4
16. Santasiere, A. E. (New York)	W35	W32	W42	D8	L20	W24	L1	W17	L9	L30	W37	W18	7-4
17. Steiner, H. (Los Angeles)	D29	L9	W45	L24	W56	W47	W57	L16	W34	D11	D25	W20	7-4
18. Knuth, R. (Milwaukee)	W55	L12	W36	W30	W13	L30	L31	W28	W37	L5	W33	L16	7-5
19. LeCompte, P. (Detroit)	W19	W18	W38	W14	W27	D11	L32	W50	W52	D12	L15	W34	7-5
20. Mongardini, Dr. A. (New York)	W19	W11	D37	W10	W16	W18	L3	D7	L1	W31	L5	L17	7-5
21. Scheffer, D. (Chicago)	L41	W71	W50	L28	L39	W53	L22	L43	W72	W38	W60	W40	7-5
22. Bain, O. (Montreal)	W65	W14	L2	W39	L28	L7	W21	D29	W32	L10	W58	L11	6-5
23. Byland, W. M. (Pittsburgh)	L6	D61	W38	W56	D7	W39	L13	L30	L27	W55	W52	D28	6-5
24. Coban, A. (Puerto Rico)	L25	D62	W60	W17	W46	L16	L45	W38	W29	L8	L32	W47	6-5
25. Daly, H. (Boston)	W25	L12	W48	L31	W32	L5	L12	W48	W37	D17	L17	L7	6-5
26. Drummond (Hamilton)	W62	L25	L19	L36	L54	W62	W67	L55	W48	D35	W44	W45	6-5
27. Frank, L. (Baltimore)	L1	W70	L13	W55	L19	W44	L14	W72	W23	L25	D53	W45	6-5
28. Isaacs, L. J. (Chicago)	W60	W47	L12	W21	W22	L15	L8	L18	W55	W60	L11	D23	6-5
29. Ludwig, A. (Omaha)	D17	W32	D80	L5	W58	L10	W46	D22	L24	D34	D45	W50	6-5
30. Redberg, C. F. (New York)	D71	W63	D29	L18	L40	W58	W43	W23	D10	W16	L8	L6	6-5
31. Shipman, W. (New York)	W71	L6	W49	W41	L4	W43	D18	D7	L20	D14	L8	L4	6-5
32. Simpson, R. C. (Detroit)	W23	L16	L4	D60	W33	W54	W19	L9	L22	W50	W24	L11	6-5
33. Schmidt, R. (Milwaukee)	L32	L40	W39	L36	L60	W64	W48	W51	W41	D40	L18	W36	6-5
34. Baron, S. (Brooklyn)	W56	W67	L7	L25	D42	W48	L9	W54	L17	D29	W39	L19	6-6
35. Hideron, R. (Baltimore)	L16	W43	L14	L14	W59	L36	W58	W61	L60	D26	W64	D37	6-6
36. Nash, E. (Washington)	W48	L2	L18	W36	L11	W35	W30	W60	W14	L7	L12	L38	6-6
37. Stark, M. (Bethesda)	W44	W5	D20	W7	L3	L1	L17	W46	L18	W47	L16	D35	6-6
38. Troner, O. (New York)	L46	L40	L55	W62	D49	W71	W38	L24	D33	L21	W50	W60	6-6
39. Underwood, H. C. (Washington)	L2	W53	W44	L22	W21	L23	L36	W50	W63	L14	L34	W55	6-6
40. Whitaker, N. T. (Shady Side)	L3	W38	D1	W48	W30	W9	W12	L4	L13	D33	L40	L21	6-6
41. Young, W. (Allentown)	W21	W73	L15	L31	W66	L13	W55	L14	L33	L62	W48	W52	6-6
42. McCord, Dr. J. B. (Rendleworth)	W43	W49	L16	L14	D34	L52	L69	L47	W70	L44	W74	W53	5-6
43. Fiedl, R. (Annapolis)	L42	L35	W74	W64	W44	L31	L50	W21	L25	D46	L41	W58	5-6
44. Fay, F. (Charleston)	L37	W57	L20	W55	L43	L27	D49	L12	W71	W42	L25	W69	5-6
45. Glover, E. B. (Philadelphia)	L48	D67	L17	W63	W70	W69	W24	L15	L11	D52	D29	L27	5-6
46. Hayes, R. B. (Kitchener)	W38	D10	W9	L3	L24	W56	L29	L37	D64	D43	W63	L26	5-6
47. Hobson, A. H. (Montpelier)	W68	L28	D48	W61	L9	L17	L50	W42	W64	L37	W40	L24	5-6
48. Mayer, J. (Louisville)	L26	W59	D47	L40	W51	L31	L33	D56	L26	D61	W72	W67	5-6
49. Palmer, J. (Norfolk)	W61	L42	L31	L52	D38	L43	D44	W67	W51	D53	L47	W69	5-6
50. Sullivan, J. (Knoxville)	D54	D66	L21	D53	W73	L46	W47	L19	W69	L32	W62	W61	5-6
51. Sherbarth, W. (Baltimore)	L14	D71	W62	L22	L48	W73	D61	L33	L40	W57	D54	W63	5-6
52. Burach, C. (Baltimore)	D9	L29	W71	W49	L1	W42	L11	W69	L19	D45	L23	L41	5-7
53. Wilder, N. C. (Buffalo)	L18	L39	W57	D50	L32	L21	W70	W65	D38	D49	D27	L42	5-7</

End Game Tourney Is Novelty Featured By Mallinckrodt Chess

By Allen G. Ring
Librarian, Mallinckrodt Chess Club

The Mallinckrodt (Chemical Works) Chess Club of St. Louis has just successfully completed what they believe to be a novel and interesting form of tournament—an end-game tournament. It was devised as an added interest feature and at the same time to improve the end-game play of members.

The president (also club champion), who acted as tournament director, set up 25 end games based on principles in Fine's Basic Chess Endings. These were diagrammed on 3x5 cards with game number and white or black to play, and the tournament director alone knew the correct result. The players drew for color then had someone else draw a card from the stack and check from the results written on the back as played whether either player had had that game previously in the tournament. After finishing the game the result was noted on the back of the card and between meetings the director did the scoring.

For a game supposed to be a draw and played a draw each player received 2 points (par). If one color won he got 3 points and the loser 1 point. In a game supposed to be a white win and played as such each got par

2. If black won he got 4 points and white 0. If a white win was possible and he drew he got 1 point while black got 3. Limits were placed on the total number of games played and the number with any one opponent, since near the end it was difficult to find a game neither of two members present had played. At the conclusion the tournament director gave a lecture on the games to clear up any points of argument over how they should be played.

Winner of the tournament, with a score of 7 over par was A. S. Penniston, with A. G. Ring and E. F. Ford tied for second at 5 over par. Officers of this club are F. M. Alpiser, president; R. G. Kerlin, vice-president and secretary; C. E. Cosby, treasurer. In the 1946-47 season the Mallinckrodt Club held the city team championship of St. Louis.

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS

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Eligible Players List Announced For U. S. Woman's Championship

With the completion of the Preliminary Tourney in New York, which was won by former U. S. Women's Champion Gisela Gresser with a score of 7-0, Mrs. Caroline D. Marshall announces the following list of players eligible for the U. S. Women's Championship.

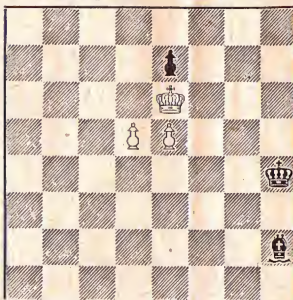
Defending Champion Miss N. May Karff was seeded, and the others were qualified in various areas, with Miss Adele Raettig probably awarded the place reserved for the U. S. Women's Open Champion (since the title was won by Miss Karff, already seeded). In case of a vacancy, Miss Willy Henschel, who placed third in the New York Preliminary, will be substituted. Mrs. Marshall will direct the tournament, assisted by Miss Edith L. Weart.

U. S. Women's Championship
Mrs. Mary Bain
Miami, Florida
Mrs. G. K. Gresser
New York, N. Y.
Miss Kate Henschel
New York, N. Y.
Miss N. May Karff
New York, N. Y.
Miss Lucille Kellner
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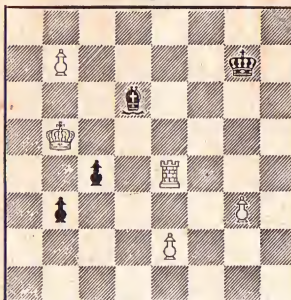
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Position No. 27
By L. Prokes (Prague)
L'Echiquier de Paris, 1947



8, 4p3, 4K3, 8PP3, 7k,
8, 7b, 8
White to play and win

Position No. 28
By Montgomery Major
Original



8, 1P4k1, 3b4, 1K6, 2p1R3,
1p1P1, 4P3, 8
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

POSITION No. 27 is a very ingenious composition of End Game Editor of Ceskoslovensky Sach in which by appropriate maneuvers White finally persuades Black to let him queen a Pawn. Position No. 28 by Editor of CHESS LIFE calls for some elaborate ventures in timing to resolve into a simple Rook and Pawn vs. Bishop ending.

Solutions will be published in issue of September 5th with names of solvers.

GIERS WILL FLY TO FIDE MEETING

The 19th Congress of F.I.D.E. (Federation Internationale des Echecs) will take place at Saltsjohaden, Sweden, August 11-15. The United States Chess Federation will be represented at the Congress by Paul G. Giers, Executive Vice-President. Mr. Giers is a Vice-President of F.I.D.E. and delegate for the United States Zone of the international body.

The 1948 Congress will decide the time and place for the first post-war tournament for the Women's World Chess Championship. The women's chess throne has been vacant since world champion Mrs. Vera Menchik Stevenson lost her life in a London air raid. One of the leading contenders for the title will be Miss N. May Karff, U. S. Women's Champion.

F.I.D.E. is also expected to revive that most popular of international competition, the world team tournament for the Hamilton-Russell trophy. Four of these tournaments, 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1937, were won by the team representing the United States.

The Congress will consider the report of a special committee recommending changes in the international chess code. It will also set the time and place for next year's candidates tournament for the world championship, the winner of which will meet world champion Mikhail Botvinnik for a match in 1950.

The World Interzonal Tournament is now in progress at Saltsjohaden—July 15 to August 15—and the Congress delegates will witness the final round of this important tourney. Mr. Giers is leaving New York by plane on August 7 and will return on August 19.

SEITZ CAPTURES FIRESTONE TITLE

With a score of 11½-3½ Peter J. Seitz won the championship of the Firestone Chess & Checker (Akron) Club, with a loss to Chirich, a loss and draw to Plueddemann and two draws with Dr. Lucas. Second place was a tie between Ernie Slater and Art Plueddemann with 10-5 and 12-6 respectively upon a percentage basis.

In the Class B Plus Tourney, victory went to K. C. Skinner with 7-10, while Gale Crombie was second with 5-9. In the Class B Tournament Dennison placed first with 13½-3½; M. Antunovich was second with 11½-3½ and Allen Keller third with 11½-4½.

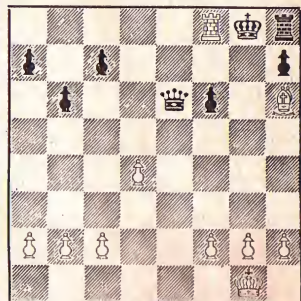
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ening Q-Kt3 ch and Q-Kt7 ch), B-KB1; 16. R-K1!, B-B1; 17. Q-K3! (One might call this a concentration of pieces for the final assault). B-Q2 (Wishes to be kind but White has other ideas!); 18. RxKt1!, RxQ; 19. PXR ch, B-K3; 20. BxB ch, QxB; 21. RxB mate.

Final Position



5Rk, p1p1, 1p2p1B, 8,
3P4, 8, 1PP2PP, 6K1

Moscow, Russia: The inter club championship was won by: 1. "Nauka" (Science); 2. Cercle Molina; 3. The Red Army, etc. Surprising was the victory of the old master Dus-Chotimirsky over Koltow and Simagin!

YANOFSKY 8th AT CZECH MEET

Final results at Karoly Vary saw victory go to J. Foltys, with G. Barcza second and L. Steiner third. Canadian player Yanofsky placed in a tie for eighth with J. Podgorny and J. Sajtar.

Karoly Vary Tourney	
J. Foltys (Czechoslovakia)	13 - 6
G. Barcza (Hungary)	12½ - 6½
L. Steiner (Australia)	12 - 7
V. Pirc (Yugoslavia)	11½ - 7½
G. Stoltz (Sweden)	11½ - 7½
M. Vidmar (Yugoslavia)	11 - 8
K. Opocensky (Czechoslovakia)	11 - 8
A. Yanofsky (Canada)	10 - 9
J. Podgorny (Czechoslovakia)	10 - 9
J. Sajtar (Czechoslovakia)	10 - 9
V. Rohacek (Czechoslovakia)	9 - 10
L. Prins (Holland)	9 - 10
S. Tartakower (France)	9 - 10
O. Troyanescu (Romania)	8½ - 10½
H. Golembek (England)	8½ - 10½
E. Richter (Czechoslovakia)	8 - 11
F. Zita (Czechoslovakia)	7½ - 11½
S. Gawlikowski (Czechoslovakia)	6½ - 12
H. Moeller (Iceland)	6 - 13
V. Stulki (Czechoslovakia)	5½ - 13½

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NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE
U. S. Open Tournament
Corpus Christi, 1947

Notes by Fred Reinhold

Chess game analysis for Nimzo-Indian Defense, U.S. Open Tournament, Corpus Christi, 1947. Includes moves 1-50 and commentary by Fred Reinhold.

RUY LOPEZ
Prize for best played game
in the Metropolitan
Chess League, New York, 1948

Notes by Dr. Joseph Platz

Chess game analysis for Ruy Lopez, Metropolitan Chess League, New York, 1948. Includes moves 1-50 and commentary by Dr. Joseph Platz.

operate on the QB file which he controls.
White's only off-setting factor is the two Bs.

Chess game analysis for Caro-Kann Defense, U.S. Open Championship, Baltimore, 1948. Includes moves 1-50 and commentary by Erich W. Marchand.

2. P-K4 would make the game a French De-
fense.

Chess game analysis for Queen's Gambit, New York Experts' Tournament, New York, 1948. Includes moves 1-50 and commentary by Fred Reinhold.

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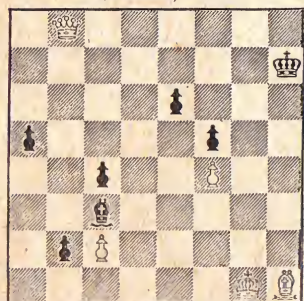
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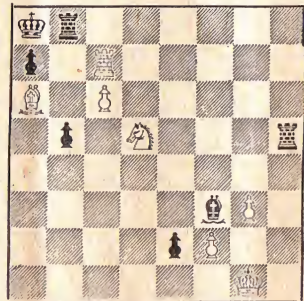
SO. FALLSBURG HAS STAGE

Position No. 29
By Th. C. L. Kok
Tijdschrift, 1938



1Q6, 7k, 4p3, r5p2, 2p2P2,
2b5, 1pP5, 6K1
White to play and win

Position No. 30
By Stamma



kP6, p1R3, R1P5, 1p1SR,
8, 5bP1, 4pP2, 6K1
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

POSITION No. 29 is an extremely ingenious one with a very inobvious keymove. If White can permanently block Black's QKtP from queening, White's Q and K can effect a mate—"win in slippers" as the End Game Editor of Schaakmat, Mynheer J. Selman, Jr., expresses it. How to effect the block remains the puzzler to solve.

Position No. 30 is one of Stamma, who was one of the earliest serious students of endgame technique. Here again White must battle against time, as represented by the threat of the Black QP to queen on the move—the Black R to mate on the move. The key, however, is rather simple, if extremely effective.

Solutions will be published in the September 20th issue.

BISGUIER, ANDERSON PLAY STEADY CHESS TO TOP FIELD

Jim Cross Loses Chance For Title When Berliner Downs Him in 10th

Steady chess, worthy of older veterans of the game, marked the 3rd Annual U. S. Junior Championship Tournament at Oak Ridge, Tenn. where by the thin margin of a few Sonneborn-Berger points Arthur Bisguier of New York captured the title and saved the U. S. junior players the embarrassment of seeing it cross the border into Canada, escorted by the capable Frank Anderson of Toronto.

From the start the contest was tight and exciting, and even in the final round there was no certainty of victory until Bisguier, Anderson and Cross had all three finished their games. And even then, it took a careful weighing of the Sonneborn-Berger points to determine the issue.

For the first four rounds, Arthur Bisguier, Jim B. Cross, and George Krauss strode side by side with four straight victories apiece. Anderson had lost to Cross in the 3rd, Poschel to Cross in the 4th and Berliner to Bisguier in the fourth.

Round Five

Round five and Bisguier strides to victory over Cross, while Krauss goes down in defeat to Poschel. Bisguier leads with 5-0; on his heels with 4-1 are Anderson, Cross, Poschel, Berliner, Krauss, K. R. Smith, Richard Schmidt. Round six and Bisguier falters, drawing with Krauss. Anderson downs Poschel. Cross draws with Smith. Berliner wins from Schmidt. Bisguier still leads with 5½, but breathing down his neck are Anderson and Berliner with 5; and Cross, Krauss and Sullivan with 4½.

Round Seven

Arthur Bisguier draws again, with Anderson. Cross wins from LeCornu. Poschel draws with Hickman. Berliner with Smith. Krauss wins from Sullivan. Bisguier still leads at 6. Pressing hard are Anderson, Cross, Berliner, Krauss at 5½ each. Round eight

and Bisguier downs Schmidt. Cross beats Ragan; Krauss bests Hickman. In the meanwhile Anderson draws with Berliner and Poschel with Sullivan. Bisguier holds on to the lead with 7; Cross and Krauss are on his heels with 6½, while Anderson and Smith follow with 6.

Round Nine

The situation grows critical as Bisguier draws with Smith. Anderson bests Sullivan, Cross beats Krauss, Poschel defeats Ragan. The standing is now Bisguier and Cross tied at 7½, Anderson 7; Krauss and Miller 6½; and Poschel and Berliner 6. A victory by either Bisguier or Cross while the other draws means the title; if both lose, Anderson can win a clear victory.

Round Ten

Bisguier draws with Miller, Anderson wins from Smith, Cross loses to Berliner, and the tournament is over. Bisguier and Anderson tie for first with 8-2, Cross is third with 7½-2½, and one of the hardest fought of the Junior Championships is a matter of record.

Special Cable From Paul Giers

Saltsjobaden, Sweden
August 14, 1948

Twenty-two nations represented at FIDE Congress including Soviets, Argentina, Spain, Australia. Assembly considered offers to hold 1949 Candidates Tournament for World Championship at Buenos Aires or Budapest. No decision reached. Special Committee of five has full authority to decide arrangements by October. First International Team Tournaments will be resumed, time and place to be chosen next year.



Paul G. Giers

Tournament for Women's World Championship set for May, 1949, at Moscow or Leningrad.

Sixteen players, including four Russians. New Greek Chess Federation admitted to membership under United States sponsorship. Reuben Fine entitled to play in Candidates Tournament by close vote.

ULVESTAD PLAYS IN CHAMPIONSHIP

By decision of the Executive Committee of the USCF and the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee, Olaf Ulvestad of Seattle was invited to fill the place in the Biennial U. S. Championship left vacant by Samuel Reshevsky's decision not to compete.

It was considered that Ulvestad had earned the choice by his final showing in the U. S. Open Championship where he finished in a tie for second on Sonneborn-Berger points with Kashdan and ahead of Kramer.

Ulvestad shares with Kashdan and Kevitz the distinction of winning a game in the Moscow Team.

Stockholm Fullfills A Cherished Dream Says Reinfeld Reviewing Tournament

By Fred Reinfeld

Chessplayers are at last seeing the realization of a cherished dream in the staging of a great international tournament at Stockholm, with an entry exclusively made up of challengers for the World Championship title. The nineteen-player list follows herewith:

Isaac Boleslavsky	USSR	Ludek Pachman	Czechoslovakia
Eero Book	Finland	Vyacheslav Ragozin	USSR
David Bronstein	USSR	Lajos Steiner	Australia
Salo Flohr	USSR	Gosta Stoltz	Sweden
Svetozar Gligoric	Yugoslavia	Gideon Stahlberg	Sweden
Alexander Kotov	USSR	Lazlo Szabo	Hungary
Andrea Lillenthal	USSR	Savielly Tartakover	France
Erik Lundin	Sweden	Peter Trifunovic	Yugoslavia
Mendel Naidorf	Argentina	Dan Yanofsky	Canada
Vasja Pirc	Yugoslavia		

Such an entry is formidable enough; but considering the importance of the outcome, the tournament takes on great sporting importance. For the first five prize

TOURNAMENT DAY BY DAY AS VIEWED BY REINFELD

Was Thirteenth Move Draw by Evans Chessplay or Horseplay, Asks Fred

By Fred Reinfeld

August 13: 16-year-old Larry Evans gave a sorry account of himself by offering a draw after 13 moves to Shipman. The latter, who should know better, accepted at once. Chess play or horseplay? Howard played the Ruy Lopez without ambition and Poschel soon infiltrated successfully. Rubniov sacrificed a piece for a strong attack which led to a fantastic time scramble. Poor Rubniov was so flustered that at the end, when he had a lone Rook against Rook and Pawn, he declined an offer of a draw!!



Fred Reinfeld

James played the opening in Nimzovich style, but inexact play on his part led to the loss of a Pawn. Thereafter he played very strongly, making virtuoso use of the Bishops of opposite color and winning handsomely. Suraci got a good game out of the opening, but Ulvestad's powerful mid-game play gradually wore him down. In the end, Ulvestad's passed Pawn marched right in. Whitaker played the Exchange Variation but tried too energetically for a win. Adams met him more than halfway, and by means of a brilliant Queen sacrifice reduced Whitaker to helplessness.

Kashdan played the opening rather carelessly; Shainswit handled the position in good style, winning a Pawn, but leaving Kashdan with the dread Bishops. Suddenly Shainswit weakened in the face of a surprise attack, and Kashdan won quickly.

Almgren-Kramer had a remarkable opening (1. P-K1, P-K4; 2. B-K15, P-QB3), which levelled off after a while. But Almgren sought complications, which ended with a stinging refutation from his youthful but hard-boiled opponent. Santasiere played a King's Gambit against Sandrin, who fought a plucky uphill battle all the way. The game was adjourned. Hesse-Steiner was a typical King's Indian, which at adjournment time showed Steiner a Pawn up in an ending with Bishops of opposite color.

Leading scores at round three: Adams, Kashdan, Kramer, Ulvestad each 2½-½.

Adjourned game: Heitner-Evans was agreed a draw without further play.

Round three pairings:

Santasiere, Sandrin: King's Gambit, adj.
Howard O. Poschel 1; Ruy Lopez 43
Almgren O. Kramer 1; irregular 36
Whitaker O. Adams 1; Ruy Lopez 32
James 1. Plata 0; French Def. 46

Kashdan 1, Shainswit 0; Caro-Kann 38
Rubniov 1, Heitner 1; Sicilian 46
Evans 2, Shipman 1; QGA 18
Hesse, Steiner: King's Ind., Adj.
Ulvestad 1, Suraci 0; Queen's Ind. 47

South Fallsburg, August 8: The United States Championship is scheduled to start on August 11. Tournament Director Richard W. Wayne and his assistant Fred Reinfeld arrived on the scene on August 2 in order to work out all their preparations for a smoothly working tournament. Almost a score of South Fallsburg's leading hotels have made arrangements to house and feed the players. On the ride up from New York, we noticed two huge highway signs advertising the Championship. On South Fallsburg's main street (or Main Street) a large banner has been stretched across the road, call the attention of natives and visitors to the coming event. Soon every hotel and store will be buzzing with the question: "Chess? What's a chess?"

Tony Balducci, livewire organizer of chess activities in Sullivan County and manager of the local Rivoli Theater, has plastered his front window with some of the tournament's choicest publicity: an interview with George Kramer, Larry Evans, Arthur Bisguier and Walter Shipman which recently appeared in the New York World-Telegram; an article from New York's Daily Forward (in Yiddish, of course), paying tribute to the hotel owners' enterprise to bringing the Championship to South Fallsburg; and many other items along these lines.

Wayne, who is noted for his careful and able handling of the slightest detail connected with a chess tournament, has his hands full; reservations must be confirmed, rooms allocated, telegrams sent, interviews given, publicity stimulated, contacts made; in addition,

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winners will meet with the selected list of Keres, Fine, Reshevsky, Smyslov and Euwe in a Candidates' Tourney in 1949, and the victor of the Candidates' Tourney will be entitled to play Botvinnik a match for the World Championship title.

After 11 rounds, the standings were as follows:

	Stockholm	Tourney	
Bronstein	7½	Ragozin	5½
Szabo	7	Boleslavsky	5
Naidorf	7	Trifunovic	4½
Lilienthal	7	Pachman	4½
Boleslavsky	6½	Book	4½
Stahlberg	6½	Tartakower	4
Kotov	6	Stolz	4
Flohr	6	Steiner	3½
Trifunovic	6	Lundin	1½
Gligoric	5½		

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TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT

WE were somewhat surprised, although by this time well inured to the inaccuracies which creep into published stories, to read in the July issue of the usually impeccable "Chess," our esteemed British contemporary, that "Canada's challenge to the United States for a 3,000 mile chess match has been declined by the U.S.A.C.F., due to heavy commitments of their summer programme."

As a recipient of copies of the correspondence regarding this proposed match, we are happy to inform our readers that the actual facts are these: The U.S.C.F. through its President, Elbert A. Wagner, Jr., and its Executive Vice-President, Paul G. Giers, expressed doubt as to the feasibility of scheduling the match for this summer, due to heavy commitments on a summer program, BUT definitely suggested setting a date early in the summer of 1949 for an ocean-to-ocean match, when it would be more feasible to arrange contacts between the various states and provinces.

Only a very loose and inaccurate reading of these facts could be interpreted as a declining of the match, and we trust that the Canadian Editor of "Chess," Mr. Dudley M. LeDain, will in the future be more accurate in reporting Canadian-United States events.

It is hardly necessary to add that relations between the USCF and the CFC have always been cordial, and that Canadian players have been welcomed in all U. S. Open Tournaments, where they have frequently distinguished themselves. Frequent matches across the border have been the rule, particularly between Minneapolis and Winnipeg, Detroit and Windsor, Buffalo and Toronto, and the elaborate meetings of Washington and British Columbia.

So there is no reason to doubt, despite the unfortunate attitude of Mr. LeDain, that in 1949 a most successful match can be promoted from coast to coast with proper management on both sides provided it is not further sabotaged by expressions of petty malice which only serve to place a strain on even the most cordial of relationships.

Montgomery Major

Statement to The Press

By the Committee for the U. S. Chess Championship
Tournament 1948

The Tournament for the Chess Championship of the United States of America will be held at South Fallsburg, New York, from August 10th through August 31st, 1948, under the auspices of the United States Chess Federation. The present U. S. Champion, Mr. Samuel Reshevsky, will not be on hand to defend his title, neither will Mr. Reuben Fine, the chief contender. This is a regrettable situation which demands an explanation to the chess-lovers of America.

The Champion was "seeded" into the finals and invited to take part. Unfortunately Mr. Reshevsky saw fit to make certain financial stipulations which the Committee was totally unable to meet for two reasons: first, the Committee did not have at its disposal the very large amount of money involved; and secondly, if it did have the money, the Committee would have still refused to meet Mr. Reshevsky's terms on the grounds that to do so would be thoroughly undemocratic and directly opposed to the principals of the U.S.C.F. Mr. Fine's demands were specifically the same as Mr. Reshevsky's except that Mr. Fine demanded exactly twice as much.

This Committee believes that American chess will flourish and grow only if those in control of National events adhere strictly to the policy of equal treatment for all players and special privileges for none.

The Committee looks forward to a most successful tournament at South Fallsburg; the playing strength of the entry is sufficient assurance that the winner will be a worthy champion.

RICHARD W. WAYNE, Chairman
1948 U. S. Championship Tournament Committee

Thus the following story is told of an onlooker at a game. He was a combinative-player. Suddenly he interrupted the players: "I see a magnificent combination, a sacrifice of the Queen," he excitedly called to him who was to move. "If your opponent then takes the Pawn, he is Mated, and if he goes out of Check, he is mated in two."

"Well," replied the player, "but the principal question is: what am I to do if he captures the Queen?"

"That is the only variation," replied the combinative player, "which I have not yet looked into."

"Experience," says Josh Billings, "increases our wisdom but don't reduce our phollies."

Quoted by Fred Reinfeld in "Nimzovich, The Hypermodern."

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., New York, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

Task Composing Award Revised!

IS my face red? I'll say it is! I made a mess of the Task Composing Award as originally published, for which I most humbly apologize to all the loyal followers of my column.

I am now atoning, partially, for my errors by revising the Task Composing Award.



Dr. P. G. Keeney

The prize of a free year's subscription to CHESS LIFE is still merited by Problem No. 35, composer Knud Rasmussen, Ontario, Canada.

Problem No. 36 by Eric Hassberg, New York, forfeits Honorable Mention due to a "cook" discovered by me following publication.

Problem No. 37 by A. C. White, Litchfield, Conn., also forfeits the Special Honorable Mention originally awarded because of a "cook" discovered by some of CHESS LIFE's problem solvers.

Problem No. 38 by B. M. Berd, Arden, Del., also offended and loses First Commended Award because of an obvious "cook" which however was detected only by ye P.E.

Therefore with the disqualifications of Problems 36, 37 and 38, Problem 39 and 40 are advanced respectively in award to Honorable Mention and First Commended. Of the problems of the contest that appeared in Forsythe notation in this column, issue of July 20th, the first position given, a composition by T. Lundberg, Dallas, Tex., was found to admit of no solution. Following the publication of this position, I received a letter from the composer, notifying me that following the entry of this problem in the contest, he had later withdrawn the position and submitted in its stead the following: 3k2rr, S1pp2SQ, 3RR3, B2K3B, S, S, S, S. White mates in two. A check-up of my correspondence with Mr. Lundberg verifies the foregoing and I am awarding the above position Second Commendation.

While I censure myself for the necessity of this revision of the award, I also believe the "cooks" found are deserving of a black mark on the record of the offending composers.

I also find my solvers can not be held blameless. Not one of the solving corps would have achieved a perfect score had there been a solving contest of the Task Composing entries! Probably should have been called Atomic Bomb Contest, as it blew up composers, solvers and judge.

I am devoting space in this issue of Problems of Chess Life to contributions received from two noted Grand Rapids, Mich., chess problem lovers, Peter Korf, an enthusiastic solver of chess problems, and Otto Wurzburg, a renowned problem composer, whose elegant creations have gained for him international recognition and acclaim.

Mr. Korf submits:

The Chess Problem

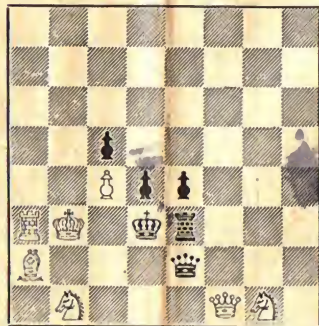
(As a novice sees it)

I often have the time on hand
To meditate with posers.
I muse in chess—try to command
The problems by composers.

I'm not, as yet, adept to lure
Key moves from hidden spaces;
So myriad moves I must endure
To find the key move places!

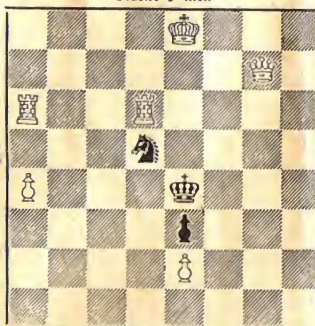
Hats off to chess composers!
Their minds have infinite powers;
They furnish me with studious sport
That holds for hours and hours!

Problem No. 41
By W. A. Shinkman
Western and Daheim, 1919
Black: 6 men



White: 7 men
S, S, S, S, 2Pp3, RK1kr3,
B3a3, 2Sg3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 42
By W. A. Shinkman
Tiffin Tribune, 1905
Black: 3 men



White: 6 men
4K3, GQ1 R2R4, 3a4, P3h3,
4p3, 4P3, S
White mates in three moves

Mr. Wurzburg writes in appreciation of his deceased uncle, the late Wm. A. Shinkman, a master of the problem composing art:

Most composers of chess problems seem to have their own favorite compositions. Their choice is generally shared by the average solver and critic, but not always. In the case of Shinkman the composer and the critics will probably find agreement.

The Shinkman two-mover appended is referred to by Alain C. White as follows: "Probably Shinkman has composed more snappy block threat two-movers than any other composer and probably the appended example shows the most unexpected key."

Another of Shinkman's own favorites is the accompanying three-mover, a highly original conception of echo play. The Black Knight's threatened pair of checks demand attention and the real solution achieves this with sparkling finesse.

The mistakes are all there waiting to be made.

Tartakover, quoted in "The Bright Side of Chess" by Irving Chernev.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

SCORE ONE FOR THE CRYSTAL BALL! As predicted in an earlier column neither Kasdan nor Pinkus was able to win the International Masters and Experts Tourney at the Manhattan Chess Club. George Kramer, 18 years old and a former N. Y. State titleholder, came through with 6-1 (draws with Siff and Kashdan), followed by Kashdan (5½), Junior Champion Arthur Bisguier and Albert Pinkus (each 4-3). Kramer's victory in this powerful company lends new strength to and earlier prediction that George may win the National title in the tournament now under way at South Fallsburg, N.Y.

17-year-old Leonard Baum, of Abraham Lincoln High School, is the victor of the first Brooklyn high school tournament sponsored by the Brooklyn C.C. His score of 6-2 in an eight-round Swiss gives him temporary possession of the Helms Trophy, donated by the club's president, Phil Gold.

The Marshall C.C. has begun its fall season, with more than 30 members competing in the preliminaries of the annual championships. Young Kiven Plassett of C.C.N.Y., former Intercollegiate Champion, leads with 3-0 to loom as the first of the probable qualifiers.

My thanks to the readers who have made my wife happy by their favorable comments on the column during the past year, and my apologies to Harold Phillips for the errors made in reporting his game with Donovan in the Met league, which was really a draw. And, regarding Sammy Reshevsky, my statements regarding the results of a match between him and Botvinnik were my own interpretations of the matter. In fact, I am certain that he would do much better in a match than he did in the tournament!

For The Tournament-Minded

August 27-29

North Carolina Championship
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Open to all chess players; entry fee \$2.00 (\$1.00 dues collected from non-members of NCCA); Class A and B tournaments, round robin unless entries necessitate Swiss; play begins 8:00 p.m. at Winston-Salem YWCA on Friday, Aug. 27; for details and entry write: H. Upchurch, 507 E. Markham Ave., Durham, N.C.

September 1

Correspondence Chess
Championship of the U.S.A.

Conducted by the CCLA (Correspondence Chess League of America) under the auspices of the USCF. Open to all chess players. Entry fees to CCLA members \$1.00 per section; to non-members \$1.50 per section. Players non members of the USCF, add \$1.00 for membership dues to entry fees. Write CCLA Secretary Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa.

September 4-6

Pennsylvania State Championship
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Open to Pennsylvania players; held at Pittsburgher Hotel; State, Junior and Women's Championship divisions; write W. M. Byland 3244 Latonia, Pittsburgh 16, Pa. for details.

September 4-6

14th Annual Southwestern Open
Championship
San Antonio, Texas

Open to all players; held at Gunter Hotel, San Antonio; write B. R. Milem, 419 E. Dewey, San Antonio for details.

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there is the assignment of work to carpenters, electricians, printers, sign painters, and all the other people whose work makes an unobtrusive but important contribution to a tournament. Earle Stratton, the genial and knowledgeable president of the local bank, has been a great help. He is not a chess player, but he is of course eager to see the tournament an enormous success.

South Fallsburg's main street is full of signs calling attention to the tournament. We can only hope that they are read with the greatest care, for South Fallsburg's two great problems are: (1) how do I find parking space; (2) how do I find a way to get out of the parking space!

First of the masters to arrive was Tony Santasiere. Tony, who is usually the life of the party, introduced himself to South Fallsburg with a lugubrious poem entitled "O Kindly Gentle Death." The punch line reads: "Death is the doorway to security." Meanwhile Tony is (we hope) severely letting poetry alone and training for the tournament by staying away from all chess books and indulging in his two favorite hobbies: painting and cooking. Tony's paintings make the South Fallsburg countryside look even more beautiful than it is; as for cooking, it absorbs him so strenuously that he immediately discovered where to buy pork chops — something of a feat in South Fallsburg!

Yesterday was a hectic affair: innumerable telegrams, long dis-

tance calls, a mere forty or so local calls, several trips to the printer to see the programs (which at the moment are very hush-hush, as they contain the full list of pairings — a top priority secret until the meeting of the players on August 10).

The tournament will have an admirable setting in South Fallsburg's Community Center, with excellent ventilation and light for the players, and all other necessary facilities, such as a press room, which is being converted from a kitchen. One of the many problems which beset Director Wayne: are the dishes in the kitchen closets meat or dairy dishes, or both, or neither? Can they be removed, or consolidated, in order to make room for chess sets and clocks? A ruling from the town Rabbi has cleared up this problem.

August 9: Today was another day. With hotel business so strong in South Fallsburg, some hotel owners find themselves in a difficult position and unable to honor their commitments. After a thing scramble, everything is again arranged satisfactorily, when suddenly a bombshell drops on the tournament!

A long-distance call came from Washington, D.C. to announce that Reshevsky is at long last willing to play under the same conditions as the other players. On August 2nd, Reshevsky had written the tournament committee that he was definitely not playing, and had insisted that his name be dropped from the tournament publicity.

To admit Reshevsky now would mean adding two days to the tournament schedule, inconveniencing those who have to leave South Fallsburg at the scheduled end of the tournament, and also involving the committee in endless discussions with some 20-odd hotels regarding the extra two days of players' upkeep. The alternative was to have two double-round days — a severe trial for all concerned. In addition, there was the resentment of the Fallsburg Chamber of Commerce at having been deprived of whatever publicity value Reshevsky's name might have. We also had to consider the heavy expense of destroying all printing and signs which had been prepared for the tournament.

After a long and fatiguing discussion of every angle of the problem, the committee voted to turn down Reshevsky's late entry. The chief consideration was that Reshevsky's entry at the last moment would have created tournament conditions which would have been downright exhausting for all the players. As this action will doubtless be the subject of heated discussion, it should be emphasized that the first intimation of Reshevsky's willingness to play, came only 23 hours before the scheduled first meeting of the players.

August 10: All the players have arrived and been placed in their respective hotels; all the necessary sets and clocks have been shipped and received in good condition; the players have been given an official reception by the town of South Fallsburg, and all the rules have been explained to the players. The tournament begins tomorrow at 2 P.M.

August 11: The first-round pairings:

Suraci 0, Stahler 1; Roy Lopez 0, Hesse 0, Shipman 1; QQA 50, Ulvestad, Heitner; Q Ind. Adj. Santasiere 1; Poschel 0; Faulkner Counter 25 Evans 3, Shalunov 3; Q Ind. 37 Robinson 0, Platz 1; QGD 40 Kashdan 1, Sandrin 0; Sicilian 43 Almgren 0, Adams 1; QP 45 Howard, Whitaker; Sicilian Adj. Janus 0, Kramer 1; Slav 26

First blood, and mighty little of it, was drawn by Evans and Shalunov, who drew portentously in 17 moves with a Pawn and minor piece exchanged on each side. Poschel had the misfortune to fall into an opening which Santasiere plays to perfection. History repeated itself, and Santasiere constructed a quaint mating net.

Kramer played the Slav skilfully, got his pieces into strong play, but then seemed to go wrong by allowing his Queen to be trapped. Janus went after the Queen, but

George countered with a sensational Knight move and won quickly. Suraci got a good game against Bird's Defense, but then weakened and lost the exchange.

Shipman played a nice ending against Hesse's stubborn defense. A Queen-side majority turned the trick for Shipman, with his passed Pawn marching to QK47 and paralyzing White's forces. Adams played one of his pet systems (1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3) and came out of the opening with a good game. Subsequently he won the exchange, gave it back two moves later to force a won King and Pawn ending.

Platz got a very strong attack, forced open the King's Rook file, and secured the winning superiority of Queen for Rook and Knight. Kashdan gave up the exchange for two Pawns, securing a Pawn majority on each wing. With a long-range Bishop functioning beautifully, Kashdan would probably have won after a lengthy fight; but the game terminated abruptly when Sandrin went over the time limit at the 43rd move.

Howard got a good game against Whitaker's Dragon Variation and won the exchange, returning it unnecessarily during time pressure. The game was adjourned with Whitaker a Pawn up. Ulvestad-Heitner was a complicated fighting game, with the former the exchange and a Pawn ahead at Adjournment time. Even so there was still fight in the adjourned position.

August 12: Second round.

Suraci 0, Hesse 1; French Def. 39 Shipman 3, Ulvestad 3; Sicilian 50 Heitner, Evans; Nimzoindian Adj. Shalunov 3, Robinson 3; Q Ind. 53 Platz 3, Kashdan 3; Four Ks, 37 Sandrin 1, Janus 0; English 45 Kramer 3, Santasiere 3; Nimzo. 63 Poschel 3, Almgren 3; Nimzo. 65 Adams 3, Howard 3; French 57

Hesse was not taken aback by Suraci's somewhat unusual handling of the McCutcheon Variation. After the exchange of Queens, Black got the better ending, won material and forced mate on the 39th move. Sandrin played nice positional chess, acquired a passed Pawn and queened it. Kashdan played the Rubinstein Defense and a wild game was soon in progress. Kashdan sacrificed a piece on spec, got it back and in the resulting endgame his two Bishops were good enough for a draw despite his being a Pawn down.

Shipman-Ulvestad wound up in a draw after 50 moves in an ending with Bishops of opposite colors. Howard played badly against

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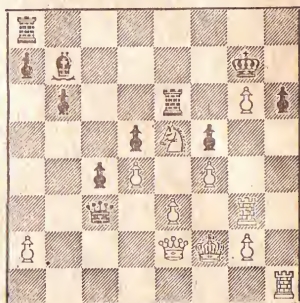
Friday, August 20, 1948

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 9



White to move
r7, pb41, 1p2r1Pp, 8pSp2,
2p1P2, 2p1P11, P3QK1, 7R

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 9 to the Editor of CHESS LIFE by September 5th.

Solution to Position No. 7

Occurred in a local championship in Austria, between Eliskases and Holczer. The game is naturally won by White, but the fashion in which the then 18 year old Eliskases finishes the game is remarkable, namely: R-Q5! and Black resigned. No matter how he takes, Q-B6, QxR or Q-B8 finishes the game.

Correct solutions were submitted by: Sven Brack (Attleboro), Malcolm D. Brown (Wycombe), Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit), Mark Fair (Omaha), Edw. J. Korpanty (Masspeh), Frank A. Neal (San Francisco), Vincent G. Syracuse (Cleveland), Jack Spence (Omaha), Dr. Julius S. Weingart (Des Moines). Congratulations!

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: A small tournament here ended as follows:

1. O'Kelly 6 (on 7); 2. Dr. Souza Mendes 5; 3. Roca 4½; 4. Dr. W. Cruz 4; 5. Cacioli 2; 6. Dantes 1½. San Paulo, Brazil: In a second tournament in Brazil the result was: O'Kelly 11½; 2 & 3. Eliskases and Rosetto 10½; 4. Engels, etc. These results certainly put the Belgium Master in the Grandmaster class!

Poland: The championship was won by Makarczyk 14½ (on 20); 2. Gawlikowski 14; 3-5. Sliwa, Szapiel and Galienski 13, etc.

The Championship of Vienna, Austria was won by young Beni 9½; 2. Grunfeld 8½; 3-5. Gallia, Gragger and Platt 7½; 6-7. Hoffman and H. Muller 7, etc.

The Championship of Denmark was won by Enevoldsen 6 (was champion also in 1943 and 1945); 2. Hage 5½; 3-4. A. and N. Nielsen 5; 5. Poulsen 4; 6-8. Kupferstick, Lie and V. Nielsen 3 each; 9. Sorensen 1½.

Reykjavik, Iceland: The Championship was won by Moller 8½ (on 10); 2. Palmason 7; 3. Asgerisson 6; 4-5. Snaevart and Agutsson 5½, etc.

Holland: E. Mulder won the championship of Rotterdam 7 pts (on 9). Dr. J. Sellman and J. Wanten won the championship of Limburg and Kramer won the championship of Friesland.

Game played in the International Tournament at Bad Gastein, Austria. White: Watzel; Black: Rosolimo. Irregular Opening. 1. P-K4, P-Q3; 2. P-Q4, Kt-Q2; 3. P-KB4, P-K4; 4. Kt-KB3, PxQP; 5. QxP, Kt-B4, B-K2; 6. B-Q2, O-O; 7. O-O, P-B3; 10. P-K5, P-QK4!; 11. B-Kt3, PxP!; 12. QxQ, RxQ; 13. PxP, Kt-K5; 14. P-KR3 (Black threatened KtXB, followed by B-B4 ch and Kt-B7 ch), KtXB; 15. RpxKt, B-B4 ch; 16. Kt-R1, KtXP; 17. KtXB, RxKt; 18. Kt-K4, RxBP; 19. KtXB, RxKt; 20. KR-Q1, B-K3; 21. RxRP, R-K1; 22. RXP, R-KB1! (if K-B1, then R-KB1 ch!); 23. Kt-Q7, R-Q1; 24. KtXB, RxR ch; 25. Kt-R2, K-B1; 26. R-QB7, B-Q4; 27. Kt-Q7 ch, K-K1; 28. Kt-Kt6, R-Q6; 29. P-QK4, R-QKt6; 30. KtXB, PxKt; and Black won. An original defense by the champion of France.

For The Tournament-Minded

September 4-6

Nebraska Open Chess Players
North Platte, Nebraska

Open to all Chess players; held at North Platte Chess Club; for details write Jack Spence, Room 317, YMCA Bldg, Omaha 2, Nebr.

September 4-6

New England Championship
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Open to New England chess players; Swiss system; entry fee \$10; played at 27 Congress Street, Portsmouth; for details write Alex Sadowsky, 71 Profile Avenue, Portsmouth, N. H.

September 4-6

2nd Georgia Open Tournament
Augusta, Georgia

Open to all chess players; Swiss system; played at Sheraton Bon-Air Hotel in Augusta; for details write Paul L. Cromelin, 1755 Kins Woods Drive, Augusta, Ga.

September 4-6

Illinois State Championship
Chicago, Illinois

Open to all Illinois players; entry fee \$3.00; 7-round Swiss; play starts 1 p.m. Saturday at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 W. Madison St.; write Earl W. Davidson, 44 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago 9 for details.

September 4-6

Virginia State Championship
Charlottesville, Virginia

Open to Virginia players; played at Albemarle Hotel; State Championship, Class A and Class B tournaments.

September 4-6

West Virginia State Championship
South Charleston, West Virginia

Tournaments for State, Women's and Junior championships, open to West Virginia players; will be played at Recreation Hall, South Charleston under auspices of Caribbe Chess Club; Entry fees: State Championship \$5; Player's Tournament and Women's \$2; Junior Championship \$1; write H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va. for hotel reservations and send him entries.

September 4-6

Ohio State Chess Championship
Columbus, Ohio

Open to Ohio players; Swiss system; to be held at Seneca Hotel; write S. L. Trumbull, 190 S. Trusel St., Columbus for hotel reservations and details.

September 4-12

New York State Championship
Endicott, New York

Open to New York chess players, with team matches in addition to regular championship and non-championship meets; to be played at En-Joie Park at Endicott; for details write M. L. Mitchell, 1208 Monroe Street, Endicott, N. Y.

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UNITED STATES 3RD ANNUAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

Ten Round Swiss System

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1. Blaguer, Arthur (Bronx)	W28	K16	W32	W5	W3	D6	D2	D15	D10	D7	8-2
2. Anderson, Frank (Toronto)	W13	W25	L3	W8	W26	L1	D1	D5	W18	W10	8-2
3. Cross, Jim B. (Glendale)	W17	W11	L2	W4	L1	D10	W8	W14	W6	L5	7½-2½
4. Poschel, Paul (Chicago)	W20	W8	W15	L3	W6	L2	D25	D18	W14	W37	7-3
5. Berliner, Hans (Washington)	W43	W87	W2	L1	W24	W15	D10	D2	L7	W3	7-3
6. Kraus, George (Jamaica)	W42	W86	W17	L10	L4	D1	W18	W25	L3	D9	7-3
7. Miller, George (Cleveland)	L25	W26	L37	W23	W46	W34	D22	W32	D1	D7	7-3
8. Lormy, Philip (Detroit)	W33	W36	L2	W17	W12	W19	W16	W24	D13	W15	6½-3½
9. Gilbert, Joe T. (Dallas)	W48	L23	W17	L27	W12	D22	D16	W42	W37	D6	6½-3½
10. Smith, K. R. (Dallas)	W46	W38	W24	L6	W37	D8	D5	W32	D1	L2	6½-3½
11. Kujoth, Richard (Milwaukee)	W35	L8	W19	L37	W32	L8	W47	D22	D25	W26	6-4
12. Church, Russell (Washington)	D26	D34	W13	L18	L9	L21	W46	W45	W50	W24	6-4
13. Friedman, Larry (Cleveland)	W37	W9	L6	L15	D21	D35	W36	D19	D8	W25	6-4
14. Ragan, John (St. Louis)	L21	W20	W28	W32	L15	W47	W37	L3	L4	W16	6-4
15. Schmidt, Richard (Milwaukee)	W40	W81	L4	W13	W14	L5	D27	L1	W19	L8	5½-4½
16. Cook, James (St. Louis)	W44	L1	D22	L35	D42	W43	D9	W21	W45	L14	5½-4½
17. Dennison, Earl (Akron)	W47	L9	W28	L8	L26	W34	W43	W40	D18	L1	5½-4½
18. Sullivan, Gerry (Knoxville)	W45	L32	W40	W12	D27	W31	L6	D4	L2	D17	5½-4½
19. Snales, Stephen (Grand Blanc)	L2	W41	L11	L43	W30	W36	W35	D18	L15	W27	5½-4½
20. Mayer, Jackie (Louisville)	L14	L16	L30	W50	D29	W38	W44	W33	W31	W41	5½-4½
21. Miller, Harold (Cleveland)	W14	W5	L22	D13	W12	L31	L16	W42	W32	W41	5½-4½
22. Kilmer, Leslie (Elmhurst)	L37	W49	D16	W21	L25	D9	D7	D11	D32	W28	5½-4½
23. Robinson, Philip (Knoxville)	L29	L33	W30	L7	D44	D48	W49	L39	W35	W38	5-5
24. Slemms, Ross (Toronto)	W20	W39	L10	W46	L5	L7	W39	L8	W31	L12	5-5
25. Hickman, Herbert (Pittsburgh)	W7	L2	D31	W33	W22	D27	D4	L6	D11	L13	5-5
26. Rogan, Marvin (Rochester)	D12	L7	W44	L3	L2	W17	D13	W38	D27	L11	5-5
27. Hastings, Keith (Toronto)	W29	L21	W38	W9	D15	D29	D15	L27	D29	L12	5-5
28. Giertych, Henry T. (Gary)	L1	W30	L14	L17	L41	W50	W48	W47	W43	L22	5-5
29. Janin, Harold (Bridgeport)	W23	L24	L46	L17	L34	D20	D40	W49	W41	W43	5-5
30. Kageutsu, Tadashi (Toronto)	L28	L28	L23	W30	L19	W40	W45	W48	W47	W36	5-5
31. Piper, Alfred (Elmhurst)	W39	L15	D25	W42	W35	L18	W21	L10	L24	L20	4½-5½
32. Oaker, William (Toronto)	W34	W38	L1	L11	L11	W45	W38	L7	D22	L21	4½-5½
33. Goodman, Harold (Chicago)	L8	W32	D42	L25	L38	L32	W43	W46	L20	W46	4½-5½
34. Stanbridge, Harold (Chicago)	L22	L48	D41	W29	W33	L17	L35	W49	D42	W42	4½-5½
35. Proll, George (West Orange)	L11	D48	D41	W16	L31	L13	L19	W34	L23	W40	4½-5½
36. Levadi, David (Chicago)	W41	L6	L8	W39	D43	L19	L20	W50	W44	L30	4½-5½
37. Hearst, Eliot (New York)	W22	L5	W7	W11	L10	L39	L14	W27	L9	L4	4-6
38. Converse, Daniel (Standish)	W30	L10	L45	L27	W33	W49	L32	L26	W46	L23	4-6
39. LeSage, Bernard (Quebec)	L31	L43	W39	L35	W47	W37	L24	W29	L17	L45	4-6
40. Blair, Arthur (Chicago)	L33	L13	D41	L49	L17	L42	L12	W40	L28	L33	4-6
41. Glass, Milton (Toronto)	L36	L19	D35	D40	W25	D44	D42	L33	L29	W50	4-6
42. Hart, Harold (Elmhurst)	L6	W45	D33	L31	D16	W46	D41	L9	L21	D34	3½-6½
43. Nance, Carter (Oak Ridge)	L5	W39	L12	W19	D36	L46	L33	L17	L28	D29	3½-6½
44. Newton, Cleon (Northville)	L16	D40	L26	D34	D23	D41	D29	L20	L36	W48	3½-6½
45. Fitzgerald, Robert (Elmhurst)	L18	L42	W30	W33	L47	L32	L30	L12	L36	W39	3-7
46. Nance, Walter (Oak Ridge)	L10	W50	L29	L24	L7	L42	L12	W40	L28	L33	3-7
47. Lanning, Edward (Northville)	L13	L37	W50	W29	W45	L14	L11	L29	L31	L40	3-7
48. Guttman, Isaiah (Minneapolis)	L9	D85	L34	L26	L39	D23	L28	L39	L40	L44	2-8
49. Miller, Harmon (Atlanta)	L27	L22	L39	W50	W40	L38	L23	L29	L34	L35	2-8
50. Gordon, Henry (Oak Ridge)	L24	L46	L47	L40	L20	L28	L40	L36	L12	L41	0-10

Friday, August 20, 1948

FRENCH DEFENSE

U. S. Open Championship
Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Weaver W. Adams

White	Black
W. W. ADAMS	N. T. WHITAKER
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3
4. B-K5	B-K5
5. P-K5	P-KR3
6. B-Q2	B-Kt1
7. P-B1	Kt-K5
8. Q-K4	Kt-B1
9. B-Q3	Kt-B1
10. Kt-B4	threatened.
11. R-KKt3	P-Kt3
12. Q-B6	R-B1
13. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
14. BxKt	RxB
15. P-B3	KR-B1
16. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
17. Kt-B1	P-Kt4
18. R-R7 and draws.	PxP e.p.
19. B-P5	KPxP
20. P-K4	P-Kt4
21. Q-R6	P-Kt5
22. Q-K1	Q-K1
23. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
24. BxKt	RxB
25. P-B3	KR-B1
26. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
27. Kt-B1	P-Kt4
28. R-R7 and draws.	PxP e.p.
29. B-P5	KPxP
30. P-K4	P-Kt4
31. Q-R6	P-Kt5
32. Q-K1	Q-K1
33. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
34. BxKt	RxB
35. P-B3	KR-B1
36. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
37. Kt-B1	P-Kt4
38. R-R7 and draws.	PxP e.p.
39. B-P5	KPxP
40. P-K4	P-Kt4
41. Q-R6	P-Kt5
42. Q-K1	Q-K1
43. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
44. BxKt	RxB
45. P-B3	KR-B1
46. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
47. Kt-B1	P-Kt4
48. R-R7 and draws.	PxP e.p.
49. B-P5	KPxP
50. P-K4	P-Kt4
51. Q-R6	P-Kt5
52. Q-K1	Q-K1
53. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
54. BxKt	RxB
55. P-B3	KR-B1
56. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
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61. Q-R6	P-Kt5
62. Q-K1	Q-K1
63. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
64. BxKt	RxB
65. P-B3	KR-B1
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68. R-R7 and draws.	PxP e.p.
69. B-P5	KPxP
70. P-K4	P-Kt4
71. Q-R6	P-Kt5
72. Q-K1	Q-K1
73. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
74. BxKt	RxB
75. P-B3	KR-B1
76. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
77. Kt-B1	P-Kt4
78. R-R7 and draws.	PxP e.p.
79. B-P5	KPxP
80. P-K4	P-Kt4
81. Q-R6	P-Kt5
82. Q-K1	Q-K1
83. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
84. BxKt	RxB
85. P-B3	KR-B1
86. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
87. Kt-B1	P-Kt4
88. R-R7 and draws.	PxP e.p.
89. B-P5	KPxP
90. P-K4	P-Kt4
91. Q-R6	P-Kt5
92. Q-K1	Q-K1
93. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
94. BxKt	RxB
95. P-B3	KR-B1
96. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
97. Kt-B1	P-Kt4
98. R-R7 and draws.	PxP e.p.
99. B-P5	KPxP
100. P-K4	P-Kt4
101. Q-R6	P-Kt5
102. Q-K1	Q-K1
103. R-B6	Kt-B5 ch
104. BxKt	RxB
105. P-B3	KR-B1
106. Kt-K2	R(5)-B5
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STEINER IS U. S. CHAMPION



NINETEENTH F.I.D.E. CONGRESS AT SALTSJOBADEN, SWEDEN

Seated: Dal Verme (Italy), Rogard (Sweden), Wood (Great Britain), Posdnikov (USSR), Dr. Rueb, President; Giers (USA); Dr. Voellmy (Switzerland), Berman (France);

Standing: Ojeda (Spain); Sauguinetti (Argentina), Zittersteyn (Netherlands), De Bruyn (Netherlands), Malgin (USSR), Steiner (Australia), Ilmakunnas (Finland), Nikolsky, interpreter, Wojnarowits (Poland), Florian (Hungary), Vagapov (USSR), Hovind (Norway), Willumsen (Denmark), Zubarev (USSR), Kottbauer (Czechoslovakia).

To The South Fallsburg Chamber of Commerce and the People of South Fallsburg

To you are due the gratitude of the chess players of the nation, and I am happy to extend the thanks of the United States Chess Federation for your magnificent hospitality in the seventh tournament for the Chess Championship of the United States. You have written the name of South Fallsburg into the records of chess for so long as champions shall be honored by their fellow men.

The warmth of your greetings to the twenty players in the Championship Tournament and to the eight ladies who vied for national honors in their tourney and to the officials of those events is matched only by the beauty of the surroundings in which the games were played. To everyone who contributed to the hospitality which was so graciously extended, my sincerest appreciation.

ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.
President, United States Chess Federation

USCF GODFATHER TO GREEK CHESS

Andrew Acrivos, exchange student at the University of Syracuse, who placed second in the Intercollegiate Championship Tournament in New York became so interested in the potentialities inherent in a strong national chess federation that he wrote back home to Greece, urging various chess clubs and associations to unite and form a strong central federation to promote chess in Greece.

Spurred by his suggestions, the various leaders in chess in Greece have indeed organized a national Greek Chess Federation with Platon Petridis as president and Costas Harvatis as general secretary. And the new-born Federation formally requested the USCF to act as godfather in presenting its application to F.I.D.E. for membership.

As readers of Mr. Giers' report in this issue will note, the application of the Greek Chess Federation, sponsored by the USCF, was favorably received; and Greece is now added to the nations which form the concourse of the Federation International of Chess.

FLORIDA PLANS RADIO MATCH

The Florida Chess League is negotiating with the El Passant Chess Club of Montreal regarding a short-wave radio match, to be played during the course of the 1948 Florida State Championship Tournament at the Floridan Hotel, Tampa. Dr. L. P. Geer, W4DIN, will be radio operator for the Florida Chess League.

MARVIN WINS AT INDEPENDENT

In the 1948 championship tournament of the St. Louis Independent Chess Club (first held since the war), the winner was Calvin Marvin who also was victor in 1938. Other past winners were J. Edwin Woody (now of Appleton, Wis.) in 1937 and R. S. Scriviner (now of Memphis) in 1939.

St. Louis Independent	
Calvin Marvin	33-3
C. M. Burton	3-1
Raymond Schaefer	23-13
C. H. Hamann	1-3
R. W. Bruner	0-4

See page four for cross-score of Interzonal Tournament at Saltsjobaden, Sweden.

LOG CABIN CHESS TOURS COUNTRY

Ever ambitious to set new records in chess promotion, the Log Cabin Chess Club of New Jersey is now on a coast-to-coast tour under the guidance of E. Forry Laucks, meeting teams in all the principal cities on the line of tour. With a mixed team of A and B players, the Log Cabin Club is not out to compile a list of victories but is content to spread friendly chess relationships between East and West, regardless of the results of individual matches.

The first group of matches were with Firestone Chess & Checker (Akron), Chess Club of Chicago, Milwaukee Municipal Chess Club, Omaha YMCA Chess Club, and Salt Lake City-YMCA Chess Club. For results, please turn to page 4.

NEW DIRECTORS CHOSEN ON BOARD AT BALTIMORE

As a result of the Annual Meeting of the United States Chess Federation at Baltimore, Md., several new names were added to both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The number of Vice-Presidents was increased from five to seven, and the resignation of two former Vice-Presidents created four vacancies filled at the Baltimore meeting.

Election of officers resulted in Elbert A. Wagner, Jr. (Chicago) President; William M. Byland (Pittsburgh), Milton Finkelstein (New York), J. B. Gee (Sacramento), George E. Roosevelt (New York), Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa), Martin Southern (Knoxville), Herman Steiner (Los Angeles) and Richard W. Wayne (Ventnor City) Vice-Presidents; Edward I. Treind (Detroit) Secretary.

Paul G. Giers (Syracuse) was reappointed Treasurer and his office of Executive Vice-President was

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HALF POINT BEATS KASHDAN KRAMER, ULVESTAD IN TIE

Champion Karff, Ex-Champion Gresser Tie in Women's Tourney, Bain Third

Playing steady chess, Herman Steiner of Los Angeles forged from behind to capture the 1948 Biennial U. S. Championship by the clear margin of one-half point over his nearest rival. In the early rounds it seemed a race between Kashdan, Ulvestad, Kramer and Adams. Then Adams dropped out, Kashdan drew ahead, closely followed by Ulvestad and Kramer. But round ten found Steiner, Kashdan, Ulvestad and Kramer all tied at 8-2 each.

Round eleven and Ulvestad soared into the lead, while Kashdan and Steiner mused over an adjourned position, and Kramer drew with Shainswit. Thereafter the race remained close and exciting through the final rounds of play, with the final decision resting upon the results of two adjourned games for Kashdan and Steiner each. In these Kashdan won from Poschel and drew with Kramer; and Steiner drew with Shipman and won from Howard to clinch the title by a half-point margin.

In the U. S. Women's Championship former Champion Gisela Gresser of New York and U. S. Champion N. May Karff, also of New York, tied for honors at 6½-1½ each. Former Champion Mary Bain of Miami placed third.

See issue of September 20th for further details, including cross-scores of the U. S. Biennial Championship and U. S. Women's Championship Tournaments.

Also for further installments of day by day story of the event.

U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS

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Herman Steiner	15-4
Isaac Kashdan	14½-4½
George Kramer	13-6
Olaf Ulvestad	13-6
Herman Hesse	12-7
Sol Rubinstein	12-7
George Shainswit	12-7
Weaver Adams	11½-7½
Larry Evans	11½-7½
Walter Shipman	11½-7½
Anthony Santajere	10½-8½
Albert Sandrin	10-8½
Paul Poschel	8-11
Joseph Platz	7½-11½
Irving Heitner	7-12
Norman Whitaker	6-13
Franklin Howard	5½-13½
Sven Almgren	4-15
Anthony Suraci	3-16
William Jones	2-17

TOURNAMENT DAY BY DAY AS VIEWED BY REINFELD

By Fred Reinfeld

August 14: Fourth round pairings:

Suraci 0, Evans 1; French Def. 38 Hesse 0, Ulvestad 1; Ray Lopez 31 Shipman 0, Rubinstein 1; French Def. 47 Heitner 0, Kashdan 1; King Ind. 32 Shainswit 1, James 0; QGD Slav 32 Platz, Santajere; Caro-Kann Adj. Sandrin 1, Almgren 0; Queen Ind. 43 Kramer 1, Howard 1; QGD Slav 48 Poschel 0, Whitaker 1; English 23 Steiner, Adams; Two Kls Def. Adj.

Hesse-Ulvestad was a wild, choppy affair in which Hesse attacked prematurely. He was quickly repulsed with loss of the exchange. A sharp interpolation with a Knight enabled Evans to gain two pieces for a Rook. Whitaker played neat tactical chess against Poschel, who was out of form. First Whitaker won a Pawn, then a piece. About two hours before adjournment time, the South Fallsburg fire alarm was sounded. Nobody in the playing room paid the slightest attention!

Shainswit started off with an even position, but put on pressure relentlessly. Ultimately the squeeze netted a Rook. Kashdan played skilful positional chess, obtained his beloved two Bishops and won a Pawn; whereupon Heitner blundered away his Queen. Almgren obtained Rook and two Pawns for two pieces, but Sandrin had the better of the bargain and played very cleverly thereafter.

Rubinstein defended ably and scored in the endgame. Howard thrust back Kramer's attack and countered vigorously. Howard won the exchange, but after adjournment Howard took a draw. Steiner-Adams was fantastic from beginning to end and had the spectators in a tizzy throughout. The game was adjourned, after many vicissitudes, with Steiner having Queen. (Please turn to page 4, col. 3)

HERMAN STEINER U. S. CHAMPION

Long famous as chess editor of The Los Angeles Times and as chess entrepreneur extraordinary of the Pacific Coast, Herman Steiner has at last attained his goal as U. S. Chess Champion.

The new champion comes of a distinguished chess family and is a cousin of Lajos Steiner. His own tournament record is equally distinguished, although it has hitherto lacked the crown now won at South Fallsburg, N. Y.

In more recent years Steiner has devoted much

energy to the promotion of chess, yet found time in 1942 to tie with Dan Yanofsky of Canada for the U. S. Open title. In 1944 he tied for third with Horowitz in the U. S. Championship. In 1945 he had a banner year, tying with Denker for third in the Hastings Tournament, and winning 1½ points out of 2 from Bondarevsky in the Radio Match with Russia. In 1946 he continued by winning his section of the London Tournament and capturing the U. S. Open Championship. He scored one draw against Flohr in the Russian team match, and placed eighth in the U. S. Championship.

In 1947 Steiner had an off season, placing in a tie for ninth in the U. S. Open Championship. And in the 1948 U. S. Open Championship, he tied for twelfth (sixteenth in Sonneborn-Berger points).

But his recovery in the U. S. Championship indicates that he hit his stride all of a sudden, coming from behind to pass Kashdan, Ulvestad and Kramer in a climactic finish.



Herman Steiner

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MARGINALIA

In reference to Dr. Keeney's Plea For Harmony in another column, it is only just to note that upon a basis of the questionnaires returned to CHESS LIFE better than 10% of the readers approve of a problem column. In a four-page issue, Dr. Keeney's department has approximately 10% of available space; in a six-page issue less than 10% of the space.

Readers of CHESS LIFE will be given an opportunity to confirm or amend this scale of preference in a questionnaire which will be furnished them within the next few months.

CHESSPLAY OR HORSEPLAY?

We note with a growing concern the tendency of lazy tournament players to refuse to accept the full responsibilities of their position and to offer and accept draws after a few moves in positions that may be equal but in which still remains the potentialities of much play. Legally (and this is unfortunate) they may often do so; but ethically the player who offers or accepts a draw without fully exploring the potentialities of his position is a cheat and a thief. For he is depriving the other contestants in the tournament of their right that he earn or lose his point by the sweat of his brow, not glean his half-point by indolence.

"Is it chessplay or horseplay?" asks Reinfeld of the 13 move draw between Larry Evans and Walter Shipman. We are inclined to answer that it is neither—it is deliberate theft. The other eighteen players in the U. S. Championship Tournament were entitled to expect that messieurs Evans and Shipman each make a definite effort to win a full point, and their failure to make the endeavor cannot be condemned in terms too strong.

Unfortunately, this is only the last of a series of such despicable draws by agreement. We must cite the recent example in Pittsburgh where the situation was even more delicate. When Spiro accepted a draw from Byland after only one move had been made, he definitely assured Byland first place and himself a tie for second. The other players in the tournament were entitled to the expectation that Spiro would at least make a gesture toward winning a game that might change the final results of the tournament.

A third flagrant example is the time that Denker coasted into the U. S. Championship in a 16 move draw by agreement with Aitman. Fine was playing Neidich. And the situation was such that if Denker lost and Fine won, the two would tie for first place. The fact that Fine in disgust offered Neidich a draw after he learned that Denker and Aitman had agreed upon a draw does not alter the fact that the U. S. chessplayers had a right to demand that Denker win his title properly by playing out his game. Nor does it reflect any credit on Aitman that he accepted the draw, for his fellow tournament contestants had the right to expect that he would try to best Denker in the interests of a fair contest, even if it was probable in his own mind that he could not win.

It is a matter of grave importance that the International Chess Code of FIDE does not provide any ruling on the subject of draws by agreement, therefore even as stern tournament directors as Richard Wayne are helpless in the face of such chicanery. The U. S. Code as published in the 1939 USCF Yearbook does provide that thirty moves must be made by Black before a draw agreement is legal, but our major contests are conducted under the International Code.

We may hope that the matter of draws by agreement will be considered by FIDE when it undertakes (as planned) a revision of the International Chess Code. Until that time, however, we can only suggest that chess players as a whole unite to make this practice of agreed draws after a few indolent moves unpopular. CHESS LIFE proposes to initiate this movement by referring in the future to such draws as "theft" and terming those who offer and accept them "chess cheaters."

Since no act should be retroactive, we will spare messieurs Evans, Shipman, Byland, Spiro, Aitman and Denker for their past offenses in the optimistic hope that they have learned better. But we hope that in the future all chess players will unite with CHESS LIFE in heaping opprobrium upon any future midemeanors in the line of chess cheating.

Montgomery Major

In an earlier chapter we have acclaimed Morphy as the most famous of all chess masters. There is no doubt that in the eyes of the general chess public, he is the idol of chess. Chess connoisseurs and especially most of the more recent chess masters, however, recognize in Steinitz the most profound and eminent personality of the chess world.

From "Masters of the Chessboard" by Reti.

THE 19TH CONGRESS OF F.I.D.E.

by Paul G. Giers
Executive Vice-President, USCF
F.I.D.E. Vice-President

DELEGATES representing the chess players of 23 nations convened at Saltsjobaden, Sweden, August 11 to 15, for the 19th Congress of the World Chess Federation (Federation Internationale des Echecs). Scene of the meetings was the palatial Grand Hotel of this famous Swedish sea resort, located only a short distance from Stockholm.

Most parts of the world were represented: Argentine, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, U.S.A., U.S.S.R., and Yugoslavia. The Soviets were well represented by a delegation of four aided by two interpreters.



Paul G. Giers

F.I.D.E. President Dr. A. Rueb presided and rendered his annual report. A formal certificate, in Russian and English, designating Mikhail Botvinnik the new World Chess Champion was signed by all delegates and presented to the Soviet delegation for delivery to Mr. Botvinnik.

Two new chess federations were admitted to F.I.D.E. membership, New Zealand and Greece. The United States Chess Federation had assisted in the formation of the new Greek Chess Federation and it was our pleasure to sponsor its entry into F.I.D.E.

President Rueb reported that he has had considerable correspondence with various chess groups in Germany regarding affiliation with F.I.D.E. Since the demise of the Nazi sponsored Grossdeutscher Schachbund several years ago, Germany has been without a national chess organization. None the less, there is a great deal of chess activity in Germany and a number of important tournaments have been held there since the War. The delegates agreed that the re-entry of Germany into F.I.D.E. is desirable if a representative non-political chess federation can be established in that country. As proposed by the Soviet delegation, a Commission of five was appointed consisting of Wood (Great Britain), Berman (France), Ragosin (USSR), Dr. Voellmy (Switzerland) and Giers (USA). It will be the function of this Committee to investigate the present status of organized chess in Germany, to make sure that Nazi influence in German chess is eliminated and to report its findings to the next assembly.

The principal topic of discussion at the meetings was the choice of place for the 1949 Candidates' tournament for the World Championship. Under the rules previously adopted, this tournament is to comprise 10 players—the five top players of the Interzonal tournament together with Smyslov, Reshevsky, Keres, Euwe and Fine—and the winner will engage Champion Botvinnik in a match for the world title in 1950.

The delegates were given the choice of two invitations. The Argentine delegate proposed to hold the Candidates' tournament at Buenos Aires with all expenses of the players and the tournament, including travel costs, to be assumed by the Argentine Chess Federation. The only condition was that two South American masters, Stahlberg and Najdorf participate in the tournament. The second proposal was to hold the tournament at Budapest with the Hungarian Chess Federation subsidizing all expenses except travel cost.

Several delegates felt that the liberal Argentine offer should be accepted, particularly in view of the fact that all competition for the world title had so far taken place in Europe and a change of scene therefore seemed desirable. The Soviet delegation, however, was more in favor of holding the tournament at Budapest and expressed doubt that the Russian masters, comprising the majority of participants, would find it possible to go to Buenos Aires.

Tentative action was taken to admit additional players from the Saltsjobaden Interzonal tournament by increasing the number of participants in the Candidates' tournament from 10 to 14. Some of the delegates contended that Reuben Fine, not having participated in the World Championship Tournament earlier this year, had forfeited his right to a place in the Candidates' tournament. However, the vote was in favor of Fine retaining his privilege by a count of 11 to 5 with 7 delegates not voting.

No agreement was reached regarding the place for the Candidates' tournament and the Assembly voted to have the matter decided by a Special Committee of five—Dr. A. Rueb, Folke Rogard, V. Ragosin, Marcel Berman and Paul G. Giers. This committee will meet in Paris before October 1st and has full authority to determine the place, the number of players and all other conditions of the tournament.

The Assembly accepted the invitation of the USSR to hold the first post-war tournament for the Women's World Chess Championship at Moscow or Leningrad. Sixteen women players will participate in this tournament, including four Russians. All expenses of the players while in Russia, including travel within Russia, will be assumed by the Soviets. The participants will be selected and the tournament held under the rules adopted at the 1947 Congress.

There was general agreement that the International Team Tournaments for the Hamilton-Russell trophy should be resumed as soon as possible. The last such tournament was held at Buenos Aires in 1939. Several delegates, including the Soviets, offered to organize the next team tournament, but it was decided to hold the matter open until the 1949 Assembly. Most likely the team tournaments will be held every three years instead of every two years as heretofore.

At the close of the Congress, Dr. Rueb announced his wish to retire as President of F.I.D.E. He will continue in office until next year when he will have completed twenty-five years as founder and president of the international chess body. He has been an outstanding leader in the realm of chess and it is largely due to his efforts that the entire chess world is now united in one organization.

Our hosts, the Swedish Chess Federation and the Committee headed by President Folke Rogard, left nothing undone to assure the comfort and enjoyment of the delegates. There were numerous and most pleasant social functions and we particularly enjoyed witnessing the last round of the Interzonal tournament. It was a great tournament, the strongest in many years. What a tribute to Russian Chess that of the nine top places, six were won by Soviet players!

The United States-Soviet relations at the Congress were entirely cordial. I was assured that the Russians greatly respect the American chess players and hope to have an opportunity soon of coming to this country for a return match with our masters.

The 1949 Congress will be held in Paris at the invitation of the Chess Federation of France.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

ODD FACTS ABOUT CHESS PLAYERS: Every chess player realizes that a master in no ordinary mortal. These demi-gods of the chess world have their own peculiar habits, habits which should make it impossible for any of them to spend an anonymous evening at any American chess club. And so, for those of you who weren't able to get to South Fallsburg, here is a short listing of the odd characteristics of some of America's top-notch experts.

Eddie Santasiere is a quiet school teacher, and looks the type. His pet peeve is the sight of captured chesspieces on the board while he's playing. Accordingly, he carefully places them on a vacant chair, a window ledge or, as in South Fallsburg, balances them on the three inch railing which separates players from spectators. He also loves a conch between moves, and will sit back with the most angelic of smiles on his ever-peaceful face.

Larry Evans is a young and aggressive player, and his chess mannerisms exhibit both of these characteristics. He never captures a piece; he snatches it with a two-handed motion which has his own piece on the square before the enemy piece has vacated it. He never looks at a clock; he glares at it as if he dared to get him into any difficulty. He never defeats an opponent; he conquers him.

Weaver Adams, an attacking player all the way, has never looked the part. He crosses his long legs, moves his chair some distance away from the board, and lounges there while considering the position. He never leaves the board, and often decides on his moves while gazing peacefully out of the window. And he wins or loses without ever seeming to care about it!

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check! It sounds like something out of "Winning Chess" (adv.).

Sandrin pressed his attack vigorously and won neatly. A very gifted player! Shainswit was in serious trouble at one time, but Whitaker overreached himself and lost quickly. Santasiere played the Tchigorin Defense and swapped down to a favorable ending. Kashdan patiently nursed along a backward Queen's Bishop Pawn. All of Ulvestad's efforts to break through proved futile. Platz finally failed with the Four Knights. For the third time he met the Rubinstein Defense (4. Kt-Q5), but Adams played patiently and well, finally coming out of his depressing losing streak. Almgren could have resigned thirty moves sooner.

Leading scores: Kashdan 7-1; Ulvestad, Steiner, Sandrin 6½-1½; Kramer 6-2.

August 19: Ninth round pairings:

Almgren 1, Suraci 0; French Def. 40
Santasiere 0, Hesse 1; Santasiere's Folly 30
James 0, Ulvestad 1; Queen Pawn 33
Kashdan 1, Evans 0; QGD 39
Rubinow 0, Steiner 1; English 31
Howard 0, Shipman 1; Sicilian 41
Whitaker 1, Heitner 0; Caro-Kann 23
Adams 0, Shainswit 1; Caro-Kann 19
Poschel ½, Platz ½; English 51
Kramer, Sandrin; Philidor Adj.

Ulvestad seized the initiative quickly, working up a devastating attack. Heitner decided to mix it with Whitaker. Result: Whitaker administered checkmate on the 23rd move. Evans made a foolish attempt to hold the Gambit Pawn. Kashdan beat him in superior style, holding on to first place. Adams had a debacle with his favorite variation against the Caro-Kann.

Hesse countered very strongly against Santasiere's pet opening, winning a piece and then more material. Rubinow played too timidly against Steiner's aggressive formation, and time pressure did the rest. Steiner remains tied for second place. Shipman played daring, complicated chess against Howard and outplayed him at the critical stage. Platz took the initiative at an early stage, but Poschel held his own and later won a Pawn. With all the Pawns remaining on one wing at adjournment time, the game was given up as a draw.

Almgren-Suraci was a lively game, in which Almgren proved himself the better tactician. Kra-

mer-Sandrin has been adjourned twice, with the advantage seesawing. The latest position seems hopeless for Sandrin, but regardless of result, one can only have the greatest admiration for Sandrin's magnificent pluck.

Leading scores: Kashdan 8-1; Steiner 7½-1½; Kramer 6-2; Sandrin 6½-1½.

August 20: Tenth round pairings:

Suraci 1, Howard 0; Ruy Lopez 29
Hesse 1, Algren 0; Reti 33
Ulvestad ½, Santasiere ½; Bishop Open. 60
Evans 1, James 0; Ruy Lopez 35
Rubinow 1, Kashdan 0; Four Knights 42
Shipman 1, Whitaker 0; Ruy Lopez 34
Heitner, Adams; Albin Counter Adj.
Shainswit ½, Poschel ½; QP 17
Platz 0, Kramer 1; Alekhine Def. 45
Steiner ½, Sandrin ½; Philidor 35

Howard played the Schliemann Defense with gratifying results. James handled the opening well, but found himself in trouble in the early middle game. Shainswit played pattycake with Poschel. The insecurity of Almgren's King proved fatal. Whitaker was out of character in the passive formation of the Steinitz Defense. Shipman played nicely to force the win (it was his fifth victory in a row). Observing Kashdan's misery (see below) Steiner played hard for a win; but Sandrin held him off very skillfully.

Kashdan blundered into some Yugoslavian analysis and then obtained a won game after some queer play. But a sacrifice of the exchange caught him unawares, leaving him with a hopeless game! (Look at the tie-up in the score table!!) Kramer won a wild game from Platz after getting three minor pieces for the Queen. Santasiere-Ulvestad was a grim struggle all the way, with Ulvestad fighting hard to win with a view to seizing first place all for himself. The attempt failed, leaving Ulvestad in a quadruple tie for first place!

Adjourned games: Sandrin resigned to Kramer after 66 moves. Heitner and Adams drew in 47 moves. The play was very complicated, with Heitner giving up a piece for three Pawns.

Leading scores: Ulvestad, Steiner, Kashdan, Kramer 8-2; Sandrin, Shipman, Shainswit 7-3.

August 21: Eleventh round pairings:

Whitaker 0, Suraci 1; French 48
Howard 0, Hesse 1; Ruy Lopez 47
Almgren 0, Ulvestad 1; Nimzoind. 40

USCF DIRECTORS

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not up for election, as it runs for one year. Mrs. James R. Watson (Detroit) was appointed Membership Secretary. President Emeritus Maurice S. Kuhns serves a life term.

On the Board of Directors thirty-seven new members joined with the re-elected majority to provide a well-chosen board. Elections were as follows:

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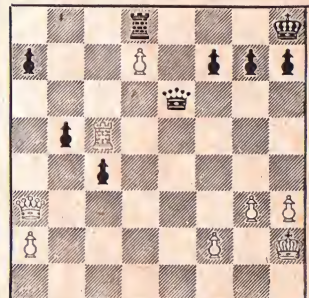
27. Kt-Kt6 ch, K-Kt; 28. Q-R5, Resigns.

And here is something short but sweet! Played in Paris, Cafe de la Regence recently ... probably a coffee house game ... but ... White: Dr. Eliachev; Black: Molnar; From Gambit. 1. P-KB4, P-K4; 2. PxP, P-Q3; 3. PxP, BxP; 4. Kt-KB3, P-KKt4; 5. P-Q4, P-Kt5; 6. Kt-Kt5, P-B4; 7. P-K4, B-K2; 8. Kt-KR3, PxKt; 9. Q-R5 ch, K-B1; 10. B-QB4, Q-K1; 11. Q-R6 ch, KtxQ; 12. BxKt mate.

Do you know this one by Alekhine?

Here follows a beautiful finish combination (Combination-motif: weakness of the eighth row).

NESTOR



ALEKHINE

White has a won game, but that the opponent has to resign after two moves is very surprising! There followed: 1. R-B3!, RxR; (if 1. QxQP; 2. Q-B8 ch) 2. Q-K7! resigns. To avoid unpleasant surprises of this kind, it is good to remember to have a flight square for the King. (P-KR3 or P-KKt3).



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FORM CHESS CLUB AT SPARTANBURG

The Spartanburg (So. Car.) Chess Club celebrated the fifth month of its existence with a stirring 10-2 victory over the Clemson Chess Club in a double round team match.

In a recent city and club championship tournament, E. B. Hallmann, who finished second in the 1948 South Carolina Championship, seized the dual crown of Spartanburg City and Club Champion by defeating John C. Bell 2½-1½ after Bell had won the preliminary tournament with a score of 7-2. Hallmann, who did not play in the preliminary also bested the second and third place winners of the preliminary, K. Stamm and S. S. Hallman, before meeting Bell.

HOLD WISCONSIN RAPID TRANSIT

The first state lightning chess tournament in Wisconsin was held in Douglas Park, Racine. Henry Blume was the victor in the seven round Swiss with Averill Powers as the runner-up.

Wisconsin Rapid Transit

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It Can't Happen Here--Moscow Version

Translation of a story in the "Moscow News" by Arthur Krivis—reprinted from "Chess World," the Australian Chess Publication.

The story of the missing contender is a sad one indeed. Grandmaster Reuben Fine, one of the world's outstanding players, has been compelled to throw away an opportunity that perhaps comes once in a lifetime to vie for world honors because, as the report states, he could not find anyone to take his place at the university for the duration and would not have had the funds to pay a substitute had he found one.

I do not know the particulars of the case but it seems strange that the university authorities where he teaches did not make a real effort to find a pinch-hitter or offer to foot the bill. They left it to Mr. Fine as a matter concerning him and him only. But is it really a private matter? Is not Fine a representative of the American people, one of the two Americans honored by the FIDE invitation to contend for the world crown? Or perhaps this is not a sphere of activity that has the blessing of the department headed by Mr. Forrestal?

At any rate, we understand Mr. Fine's dilemma. He has a contract with the university which he is honor-bound to fulfill and, besides, a job in the United States is nothing to be sneered at. What was he to do without the patronage of a rich chess daddy—play and lose his job, or hold on to it and give up his fond dream of taking a shot at the world crown? Since the two are often incompatible abroad, the grandmaster made his choice. This could never happen here.

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

U. S. Biennial Championship

South Fallsburg, 1948

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White Black
 1. S. RUBINOW P-K3 6. P-K3 K-P4
 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 7. P-K3 B-K2
 3. P-Q4 Kt-K3 8. B-Q3 Kt-B1
 4. B-K15 Q-K1 9. Q-B2 P-KK3
 5. Kt-B3 P-B3

This begins an excellent system of defense against White's system (6. P-K3, etc.)

10. O-O O-O is a lot more enterprising.

11. B-R4 O-O Kt-K3 12. Kt-R4

Beginning his play on the Q-side, which never amounts to much in this game.

12. Kt-K12 13. Kt-B5 Kt-B4

Very unpleasant for White; he must part with one of his Bs.

14. B-K3 Kt-B5 17. P-K14 P-KR4

15. R-PKt Kt-K15 18. Kt-K5 Q-Q3

16. Q-R-K1 Kt-K12

Leaving White very little choice. The KR file will be forced open in one way or another.

19. Kt-K1 P-K1 21. KR-Q1 B-K14

20. P-R4 R-R1 22. P-K15

Logical and indicated but curiously ineffectual. Black's B's are too strong.

21. Kt-K12 Kt-B3 23. Kt-K2 R-R3

22. Kt-K13 B-Q2 25. Kt-B1 R-R7

Preventing the K's flight and preparing a pretty combination.

26. Kt-B1?

After 26. Kt-B1?

PLATZ

Missing the point. 26. R-K1 was necessary, although after 26. Q-R1 White would be very unhappy.

26. BxP! 27. QxR

Or 27. BxR, QxP; 28. Q-KB2, R-R8 ch and wins.

27. R-K1 28. Kt-K1

The Q could not be saved.

28. RxQ 29. KxR R-K1

With Q and P for R and Kt, Black has an easy win. His attack, by the way, continues unabated.

30. P-K3 BxP 33. R-K14 Q-B7

31. B-K15 P-R3 34. R-B1 Q-Q7

32. BxR QxR 35. RxP

Allows a pretty winning maneuver, but good moves are even scarcer than hens' teeth.

35. R-R1 ch 37. P-B4 PxP e. p.

36. Kt-K1 Q-R3 38. K-B2

The KtP could not be captured either way!

38. PxP 39. R-KK1

Or 38. KxP, Q-Q7 ch; 40. K-B3, R-R4, etc.

39. Q-Q7 ch 40. Kt-K2 R-K1

Resigns

QGA (In Effect)

Massachusetts State Championship

Boston, 1948

Notes by Albert Sandrin

White Black

1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 5. BxP P-QR3

2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 6. P-QR4 P-B4

3. P-B4 PxP 7. O-O Kt-B3

4. P-K3 P-K3 8. PxP

5. Q-K2 was better, and then if 8. QxQ 12. B-K5 R-QB1

6. Q-K2 was better, and then if 8. QxQ 12. B-K5 R-QB1

7. Q-K2 was better, and then if 8. QxQ 12. B-K5 R-QB1

8. Q-K2 was better, and then if 8. QxQ 12. B-K5 R-QB1

9. Q-K2 was better, and then if 8. QxQ 12. B-K5 R-QB1

10. Q-K2 was better, and then if 8. QxQ 12. B-K5 R-QB1

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44. Q-K2 was better, and then if 8. QxQ 12. B-K5 R-QB1

45. Q-K2 was better, and then if 8. QxQ 12. B-K5 R-QB1

Tournament Life

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K-Q3-B4-K15 was quicker.
 27. P-K13 K-Q3 29. P-B3 P-B4!
 28. K-B1 K-K4 30. R-Q1
 There was no way to stop the K's entrance.
 30. R-B4 31. R-Q1 ch K-B6
 31. R-K1 RxP 35. R-Q7
 32. K-B2 P-B5 KxP and wins.
 33. P-K14 K-Q5

SLAV DEFENSE

U. S. Biennial Championship
South Fallsburg, 1948

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White Black

1. Kt-KB3 P-Q4 5. P-K3 P-QK14

2. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 6. P-QR4 P-K15

3. P-B4 P-B3 7. Kt-QR4 P-K3

4. Kt-B3 PxP 8. BxP B-K2

5. Q-K2, P-K14 9. O-O, B-K12; 10. Q-K2, P-B4; 11. R-Q1, Q-K15; 12. P-K11

gives Black something to think about.

9. O-O O-O 10. P-QK13?

Weak. Much stronger is 10. Q-K2, Q-K2; 11. R-Q1, B-K12; 12. P-K4, P-QR4; 13. B-K15, with advantage to White (Alcine-Tarrasch, Hastings, 1922). Black's play in the quoted game can be improved on, but his position would remain rather uncomfortable.

11. B-K12 B-K12 12. Kt-B1

White always loses a lot of time with the Kt in this variation.

13. Kt-B3 13. Kt-K2

White's position is already difficult, for even the natural 13. Kt-Q3 can be answered effectively by 13. Kt-QR4!

13. Kt-QR4!

An embarrassing move for White because of his weak KtP.

14. B-Q3 Q-Q4 17. PxP QxP

15. B-B2 KR-Q1 18. Q-K2 Kt-K5

16. Kt-B4 Q-Q3 19. B-Q4 Q-B4

Looks dangerous, but Kramer knows what he is about.

20. P-KR3

Seems to win a piece — but look at the stunning reply!

20. QR-B1 21. P-K14

After 21. P-K14

KRAMER

Now if Black takes the Kt, it leads to a draw.

76. Kt-K1! Kt-Q6 Resigns

77. K-K2 Kt-Q6 Resigns

FALKBEER COUNTER GAMBIT

U. S. Biennial Championship

South Fallsburg, 1948

Notes by Fred Reinfeld

White Black

1. P-K4 P-K4 5. PxP Kt-KP

2. P-KB4 P-Q4 6. Kt-KB3 B-QB4

3. KxP P-K5 7. K-Q2 R-P7

4. P-Q3 Kt-KB3 7. K-Q2 R-P7

Black is presumably familiar with the famous game Spielmann-Tarrasch, Maerisch-Ostman, 1923, in which the apparently devastating 8. P-KK4? was refuted by 8. O-O!; 9. PxB, R-K1! etc.

9. B-K3 Q-K2 11. QxQ ch KxQ

10. QxR Kt-K1 12. P-K1 BxP?

Plausible as this move is, it is very inferior. The right move is 12. Kt-B5! and if 13. P-B4, BxKt! — when White's sorry P position makes his extra P worthless.

13. K-B2

Also very good is 13. K-Q2, B-K15; 14. R-K1 ch with which Wheatcroft obtained a won game against Keres at Margate, 1929.

13. P-KR3

To create a retreat for the B. Eventually the retreat turns out to be a grave!

14. Kt-K1 Kt-Q2 16. KR-K1 ch K-B3

15. B-Q4 Kt-Q2

The alternative 16. K-Q9 is likewise unattractive. Whichever way you look at it, White has all the play.

17. Kt-K15 Kt-K13 19. P-Q6 P-B4

18. Kt-K1 KR-QB1

19. P-K1? 20. Kt-QP, RxP; 21. BxP (threatens mate), B-B4; 22. R-K5 is very unpleasant for Black, the text even more so.

20. Kt-B7 QR-K1 22. P-Q7 RxP

21. QR-Q1 R-Q1

If 22. KxP; 23. Kt-Q5 ch, K-K13 (on 22. K-B4 White can play for mate or merely pick the B with 24. B-B2 ch); 24. Kt-K7 ch, K-R4 (if 24. Kt-K3; 25. R-Q6 mate); 25. R-Q5 ch, P-B4; 26. B-Q1 ch, K-R5; 27. R-K3 and mate follows. Or 25. P-K14; 26. B-Q1 ch, K-R5; 27. R-K3, P-K15; 28. R-B3 ch! and mate next move.

23. RxR Kt-R4 24. Kt-Q5 ch K-K13

Or 24. Kt-K1; 25. B-B2 ch, etc.

25. P-K14 Resigns

After 25. P-K14

POSCHER

A tragic situation: if 25. P-K14; 26. P-K1, Kt-B3; 27. Kt-K1, BxKt! (if 27. P-K1; 28. B-B2!); 28. R-K6 ch, K-R2; 29. BxP ch winning a piece.

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IRREGULAR OPENING

Seattle City Open Championship

Seattle, 1948

Notes by Edw. J. Korpany

White Black

1. C. JOACHIM P-K3 2. P-Q4 P-QB4

Getting away from the French Defense. But this move and his subsequent two only restrict the mobility of the KB.

3. P-Q5 P-P 6. Kt-QB3 Bt-K2

4. PxP P-Q3 7. B-Q3 Q-K2

5. P-QB4 Kt-KB3

At this point the inferiority of Black's position is quite apparent. The move made offers little prospect and the same applies to any move with the QB. Black seems doomed to defense only, and difficult to hold.

8. Kt-B3

This holds back Black's QKt. For if 8. Kt-K4; 10. Kt-Kt, P-Kt and the White passed QP can prove very dangerous.

9. B-B4 O-O 11. P-KR4 QKt-B3

11. P-KB4 looks good for a fleeting moment. 12. Q-B2 proves it bad.

12. Kt-K15

A very powerful move, Black dares not capture the Kt for fear of opening the R-file.

13. B-K15

Hopeless, perhaps, to go to R4 and K13 before White's Q-B2.

13. Q-B2 P-KK3

There is nothing better.

14. BxKt P-B 15. QxP ch

On the face of it, White seems to have things his own way. But during the melee White opened up a useful diagonal for Black, KsKt.

15. K-R1

After 15. K-R1

FORRAY

Black quickly uses the available diagonal.

16. QKt-K4 Q-K1

This smashes the murderous attack. But in doing so he is left panting for breath. In cases like this one may escape immediate mate but usually pays some price afterwards.

18. Kt-K1(R7) QxQ 20. BxR

19. BxQ KxKt

White has the advantage in material but too he is strong and the position calls for careful play.

20. RxR B-B 25. R-Q2 Kt-R4

21. Kt-K15 ch K-K13 26. P-KK14 Kt-B3

22. P-B3 B-Q2 27. P-R5 ch K-R2

23. O-O Kt-R4 28. Kt-K15 ch K-R3

24. Kt-K4 Kt-B5 29. Kt-K2 Kt-QP

Very hard fighting.

30. Kt-K6 Kt-B5 31. P-K15 ch

If 31. Kt-Kt, B-K14 plus and wins back the Kt.

31. BxP 34. Kt-B Kt-P

32. Kt-R ch Kt-R3 35. R-B1 Kt-Q7

33. K-Q1 Kt-Q5 36. R-B8 KxP

30. Kt-P looks better. The White Kt can be held in check and it is wise to cut down the power of the Q-side Ps.

37. P-K13 Kt-K5 39. P-QK15

38. K-B2 K-K3

Beginning the decimation of the Ps. After this hard as he may try, Black is relentlessly cut down.

39. P-K13, P-K16 Kt-K15 ch

40. R-QR8 Kt-B3 44. K-K1 Kt-B3

41. RxP P-K14 45. P-K17 B-K6

42. PxP Kt-Q4 46. R-R6 Resigns

Considering the excellent battle Black put up he deserved a better fate. The play in the opening was his undoing.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Metropolitan Chess League

New York, 1948

Notes by J. Soudakoff

White Black

1. P-K3 P-QB4 7. B-K3 Kt-B3

2. Kt-QB3 Kt-KB



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STATES AWARD TITLES

TOURNAMENT DAY BY DAY AS VIEWED BY REINFELD

By Fred Reinfeld

August 22: Twelfth round pairings:

Suraci 0, Adams 1; Ruy Lopez 65.
Hesse 1, Whitaker 0; QGD 32.
Ulvestad 1, Howard 0; Bishop Open. 40.
Evans 1; Almgren 0; Gruenfeld 60.
Rubinow 1, Santasiere 0; English 23.
Kashdan 1, James 0; Ruy Lopez 38.
Shipman 1, Poschel 1; Colle System 46.
Heitner 1, Kramer 1; QGA 45.
Shainswit 1, Sandrin 1; QGD 41.
Steiner 1, Platz 0; QGD 51.

Rubinow played an interesting opening variation against Santasiere. The latter gave up a piece for three Pawns, but went badly astray a few moves later. Hesse, who has been getting great guns, chalked up his fifth consecutive victory with a well-directed onslaught against Whitaker. Ulvestad retained his lead by setting up a passed Pawn which could not be stopped. James defended stubbornly, but Kashdan succeeded in breaking through his defenses. Shainswit won the exchange, but his time pressure was acute enough to make him glad to draw.

Steiner won a well-played ending against stubborn opposition. Suraci lost a Pawn fairly early, but fought on stubbornly. Heitner completely outplayed Kramer, but the latter slipped out with a fabulous swindle. Shipman tried hard against Poschel, but the Chicago youngster held on grimly. Evans' win of a Pawn in the opening sufficed for victory.

Leading scores: Ulvestad 10-2; Kashdan and Steiner 9-2; Shainswit 8-4; Kramer 9-3.

August 24: Thirteenth round pairings:

Platz 1, Shainswit 1; Four Kts. 65.
James 0, Steiner 1; Ruy Lopez 56.
Sandrin 0, Heitner 1; Reti 70.
Howard 1, Evans 1; French Def. 72.
Kramer 1, Shipman 0; Reti 63.
Whitaker 1, Ulvestad 1; Sicilian 48.
Poschel 1, Suraci 0; Nimzovitch 45.
Almgren 0, Rubinow 1; French Def. 37.
Adams 1, Hesse 0; Vienna 37.
Santasiere 0, Kashdan 1; Sicilian 45.

Santasiere made attacking gestures, but Kashdan swapped him down and won the ending neatly. Adams played the dangerous variation (winning the exchange) which has been receiving considerable attention lately. He defended well, and Hesse could make no headway against him. Shainswit found himself in a curious Rook and Pawn ending which he could not win despite his material advantage. James got a poor game against Bird's Defense, gave Steiner the two Bishops and then lost material.

Sandrin weakened his Pawn position irremediably, but fought on gamely. Evans won a Pawn, but then played the resulting ending poorly. Kramer won a Pawn by fine maneuvering; the rest was easy. Whitaker repeatedly offered a Pawn which Ulvestad repeatedly declined, but finally (rather shyly) accepted. Ulvestad later went wrong in a stubbornly contested battle. Poschel executed a Queen-side advance with admirable expertness; Suraci's desperate counter-attack proved futile. Almgren lost a piece on the ninth move.

Leading scores: Ulvestad, Steiner, Kashdan 10½-2½; Kramer 10-3; Shainswit 8½-4.

August 25: Fourteenth round pairings:

Steiner 1, Shainswit 1; Reti 46.
Shipman 1, Sandrin 1; Sicilian 35.
James 0, Santasiere 1; Caro-Kann 30.
Kashdan 1, Almgren 0; Ruy Lopez 47.
Heitner 0, Platz 1; QGD 32.
Evans 1, Whitaker 0; QGD 62.
Suraci 0, Kramer 1; Nimzovitch 21.
Rubinow 1, Howard 1; Giuoco 66.
Ulvestad 0, Adams 1; Queen Pawn 58.
Hesse 1, Poschel 1; Giuoco 40.

Steiner got a poor game, and after several coy repetitions, Shainswit decided to play for a win. He won a Pawn, but could not maintain it. Shipman lost a piece, but the game was given up as drawn—time pressure? James played a bad variation (3. P-K5) and despite an early exchange of Queens, Black soon had a powerful initiative. Almgren's Pawn sacrifice in the opening proved to be a dud. Platz played pretty much the same variation as against Rubinow— with the same success.

Evans played well against Whitaker's crowded Cambridge Springs (Please turn to page 3, col. 1)

MAGEE CAPTURES NEBRASKA OPEN

In the 25-player Swiss tournament for the Championship of Nebraska, Lee Magee, Nebraska U student, walked off with the top honors, followed by David Ackerman, Creighton U. student. The tournament was unusually strong with V. W. Harris, Colorado State Champion; B. W. Holmes, South Dakota State Champion; F. J. Rundell, former Kansas State Champion; Howard E. Ohman, former Nebraska and Omaha Champion; and A. C. Ludwig, defending Nebraska State Champion among the competitors.

Play was held at the Northwest Public Service Building in North Platte, and a six-round Swiss was played with ties broken under the Sonneborn-Berger system.

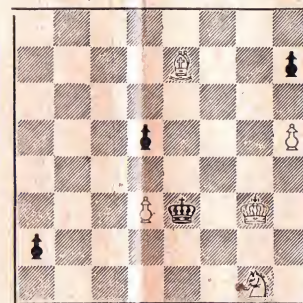
CRITTENDEN WINS IN SO. CAROLINA

The championship of North Carolina went to a 13-year-old school boy, Kit Crittenden, of Raleigh, who only last year placed last in the Class B tournament, in the 1948 North Carolina Open Championship Tournament held at Winston-Salem. The Open Championship title went to Virginia State Champion Russell Chauvenet, who placed first in the tourney but was not eligible for the Carolina State title. Second in the open was Gerry Sullivan of Knoxville, and fourth behind the new Carolina champion was Martin Southern, Southern Chess Association President, of Knoxville.

Fourteen players contested in the six round Swiss championship, and six players in the Class B tourney.

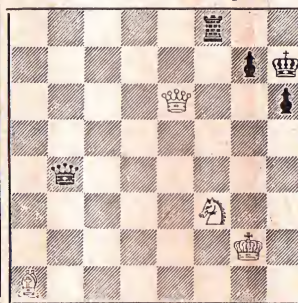
The 24th annual meeting of the North Carolina Chess Association saw Wm. C. Adickes, Jr. (Asheville) elected president, Wm. J. Peters (Durham) vice-president, and M. H. Upchurch (Durham) secretary-treasurer.

Position No. 33
By W. en M. Platnow
1st Prize, Rigaer Tageblatt, 1909



8, 4R2p, 8, 8p8P, 8,
8P4K1, p7, 6S1
White to play and win

Position No. 34
By N. Rossolimo
Poslednje Nowosti, 1931



5r2, 6pk, 4Q2p, 8, 1q6,
5S2, 6K1, B7
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

TWO rather profound endgame studies are offered in this issue, and both will repay the student amply for his study. The first, Position No. 33, is a classic in the field and won its composer first prize in the 1909 contest of the Rigaer Tageblatt. Black queens his Pawn—it cannot be prevented—but Knight and Bishop nullify the queening by deft maneuvering.

Position No. 34 represents one of the brilliant studies of one of France's gifted masters, the ex-champion of Paris, whose play on the board is as dangerous as his compositions are remarkable. In this artistic study (which well might have occurred in actual play), the White pieces by threat of mate, oft repeated, trap (!) the free Black Queen.

Solutions will be published in the October 20th issue.

MICHIGAN VIEWS NCCP WITH FAVOR

At a special well-attended meeting of the Michigan State Chess Association at Battle Creek in which practically all Michigan Clubs were represented the National Chess Coordination Plan was favorably discussed. The members at this meeting did not feel authorized to place the Plan to a vote of ratification, but all voted in favor of recommending the NCCP for adoption at the next scheduled meeting in October.

As Michigan is the first State to consider the NCCP officially for ratification, it is well to note that the meeting was quite representative with Harold E. Beach (Kalamazoo Valley Chess Club), Reuben Buskager, Secretary-Treasurer (Battle Creek Chess Club), Bruce R. Dieter (Midland Chess Club), Frank A. Hollway (Grand Rapids Chess Club), Thomas A. Jenkins (King's Men Chess Club, Detroit), James P. Kinton (Lansing Chess Club), John Lapin (Rush Willard Chess Club, Bay City), Edward I. Treend (Edison Chess Club and Marshall Chess Club, Detroit), Walter Unterberg (Flint Chess Group), Virgil E. Vandenburg, President, (Lansing Chess Club), Elias J. Van Sweden, Vice-president, (Grand Rapids Chess Club), and W. A. L. Willard, Sr. (Rush Willard Chess Club).

Ratification of the NCCP by the Michigan State Chess Association is expected at the October meeting to give Michigan the honor of being the first State to throw its whole weight behind the National Chess Coordination Plan developed and adopted at the USCF Directors' Meeting at Baltimore this summer.

WERTHAMMER TIES HURT IN WEST V.

In a nip and tuck battle for the title, two former title-holders, John Hurt, Jr. (Charleston) and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer (Huntington) tied as co-champions in the six round Swiss tournament for the Championship of West Virginia with 5-1 each. Gene Collett, editor of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, placed third in an exciting finish with 4-2.

For three rounds Allen DuVall (Charleston) led the way. Then Reid Holt and Edward Foy seized the front spot, only to be replaced by Hurt and Werthammer, who clinched their right to the title with sixth round victories over Foy and Holt.

In the Junior Championship Bob Swarbrick (South Charleston) was first in the seven-man round robin, with Charles Morgan (Huntington) second. In the eight-man round robin Players' Tournament, Dick Grimm (South Charleston) was first with Murray Scott (Huntington) second.

The Carbine Chess Club of South Charleston was the host for this, the 10th annual West Virginia Chess Championship Tournament.

BRUNET, FOX AWARDED PRIZES

In the recent Montreal Championship Philip Brunet has been awarded the brilliancy prize for his win over W. Tennebaum (Chess Life, July 5 issue); and Maurice Fox, the champion, received the award for the best played game for his victory over E. Davis. Malcolm Sim, chess editor of the Toronto Evening Telegram served as judge.

ODELL, SHAFFER TIE IN ILLINOIS

The annual Illinois State Championship had a surprise finish with George Odell coming from behind in the last three rounds to tie Joseph Shaffer for the title. A three-game match, with a 'sudden death' decision thereafter will be played to break the tie.

Thirty-four players participated in the seven-round Swiss with downstate represented by William Newberry of Alton and J. V. Reinhardt of Peoria. Three former State Champions and three former Chicago City Champions were in the field which also included defending Champion Albert Sandrin and Chicago City Champion Einar Michelsen.

In the last three rounds George Odell drew with Shaffer, defeated Michelsen, and in a very wild game bested Albert Sandrin—a drawn position in which both players sought for a win, and Odell found it. The other upset of the tourney was the fine showing of Newcomer Ed. Burger who made his debut by playing in a tie with Sandrin for fourth.

DIETZ CAPTURES PA. STATE TITLE

Victory in the 10th annual Pennsylvania State Championship went to youthful Paul Dietz of Pittsburgh, who defeated former titleholder Herman Hesse in their individual game. Hesse, fresh from the biennial U. S. Championship where he placed in a tie for fifth, was second, and Glen Hartleb third in the 44 player seven round Swiss, which was conducted by Hans Knoch at the Roosevelt Hotel in Pittsburgh.

In winning his victory, the 18-year-old Dietz, champion of the Downtown YMCA Chess Club of Pittsburgh, lost only one game—to S. T. Sharpe of Philadelphia.

In capturing the Pennsylvania State Championship, Paul Dietz scored a dual victory, for he also won the Pennsylvania State Junior Championship as the highest ranking player under 21 in the tournament. Mrs. Mary Selensky of Philadelphia repeated once again as the Pennsylvania State Women's Champion.

At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation W. M. Byland (Pittsburgh) was elected president; John D. French (Harrisburg) and Glenn Hartleb (Erie) vice-presidents; Walter Hall (Philadelphia) secretary; and Thomas G. Gutekunst (Allentown) treasurer to form an all-USCF board, for Byland is a USCF vice-president and his associates are USCF directors.

ANNUAL ELECTION AT BUFFALO CLUB

At the annual meeting of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Chess Club the following officers were elected: Paul Greenough, president; Norman C. Wilder, Jr. and S. Richard Maisel, vice-presidents; Janet E. Cologgi, secretary; and Frederic C. Cologgi, treasurer.

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SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

THE moot question of privilege vs. free enterprise lifts its ugly head immediately before and after every recent U. S. Championship. Advocates of a "seeded" tournament repeat their time-worn arguments and enthusiasts for a tournament of players qualified by preliminary play are equally dogmatic in their clamor for an "open" entry.

In all frankness, there is much of justice that can be advanced on both sides of the argument, and possibly the correct solution will be found in a tournament in which a specified number are "seeded" and the rest qualified by "open" preliminaries.

Looking at the results of the recent Biennial U. S. Championship at South Fallsburg, we must confess that they are inconclusive in regard to "seeded" or "open" entry. The recent U. S. Championship may be interpreted as confirming either viewpoint, according to the way one judges the results.

It was certainly no victory for the "seeded" group that the two players definitely awarded places refused to play, and that the two other "seeded" players—Kashdan and Steiner—were awarded their places on the basis of their victories in U. S. Open Tournaments. It is further no victory for the "seeded" group that the new U. S. Champion was not content to take his place on the basis of his victory in the U. S. Open Tournament at Pittsburgh but insisted upon qualifying again by winning the Pacific Coast Area Preliminary.

On the other hand, the advocates of the "open" entry can point with justifiable pride to the achievements of Hesse and Rubinow to bolster their claims. Hesse was playing in his first and Rubinow in his second U. S. Championship. Neither would have been invited to participate in a "seeded" tournament. Yet both placed in a tie for fifth, well ahead of recognized masters whose rights to be entered in a "seeded" tournament would not be questioned.

On the other hand, we must recognize the fact that Ulvestad who was "seeded" at the last minute on the basis of his performance at Baltimore would probably have been "seeded" in an invitational tournament; and that his performance at South Fallsburg certainly justified his invitation.

Admittedly, the weakness of the "open" system is the fact that its preliminaries do not always attract the strongest players in the Area. In the recent U. S. Champion we saw players from several Areas who confessedly were not the strongest in the Areas represented. But this is largely a matter of organization and publicity. These two factors were somewhat haphazard in the last preliminary setup; they can and must be improved for the next.

The other potential weakness of the "open" system is the possibility that some recognized players will be unable to spare time for the preliminaries in addition to the time required for playing in the U. S. Championship. This difficulty can be avoided by holding the preliminaries in one year and the Championship in the next.

It is therefore definite that the concept of a championship tournament in which a part of the entry list is qualified by "open" preliminaries is basically sound. The results of the 1946 and 1948 U. S. Championships can be interpreted in no other way. It is equally definite that the machinery of organization still requires improvement and repairs before it will function in a perfect manner, and these improvements received serious consideration at the USCF Board of Directors meeting at Baltimore.

There was a day when the U. S. Open Championship tournament was subject to the same doubts and same imperfections of organization. Time has established beyond doubt the validity of the U. S. Open Championship. If we are patient, time will perform the same service for the U. S. Championship tournament on its basis of partly "seeded" and partly "qualified" entries.

Montgomery Major

KANAWHA VALLEY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Scores
Allen Duvall	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	53-13
Edward Foy	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5-2
John Hurt, Jr.	0	x	x	1	1	1	1	1	5-2
Reid Holt	1	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	43-23
Harold Liggett	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	33-23
William Hartling	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-5
Dave Branner	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	13-53
Frank Ruppel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1-6

WEST VIRGINIA PLAYERS' TOURNAMENT

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Scores
Dick Grum	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6-1
Murray Scott	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	53-13
Jim Schilling	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	5-2
Dr. V. S. Hayward	0	0	1	x	1	1	1	1	33-23
Jim Ankeney	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	3-4
Robert Dudley	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-5
Kingsley Hughes	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	2-5
Hugh Allison	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	1-6

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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A Synthetic Study

WHAT is meant by Synthetic problems? Ans.: Synthetic problems are those compositions where the solver or composer is given the White and Black pieces to be employed and the variations and mates to be used. Using the foregoing as a clue and guide the solver is invited to produce a problem that complies with the stipulations. The problem must be sound, having only one key and no duals in the variations given.

Synthetic problems are very helpful in the instruction of novice composers. As an incentive to budding composers to interest them in this type of composition I evolved the following:

Synthetic Problem No. 1

WHITE: 
BLACK: 

White mates in two moves. Key: 1. B-QKt2 and must not deprive K of flight. Threat: 2. Kt-QB1. Variations: 1., P-QB8 (Q or R ch. or B or Kt.); 1., QxKt; 2. QxQ; 1., K-QB5; 2. B-K6.

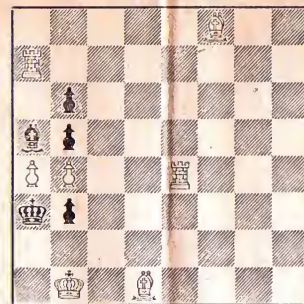
Now, how many of the solvers can compose a problem that complies with the conditions given? The original of the position will appear in CHESS LIFE on diagram one month after this is published, along with the names of the solvers who succeed in producing a duplicate or near duplicate of the original position. Send in your composing efforts as soon as possible!



Dr. P. G. Keeney

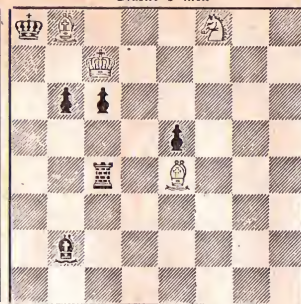
Shortly after the publication of the Second Third-Degree Tourney awards CCLA in issue of CHESS LIFE, August 5, 1948, I received a letter from Edgar Holladay, Charlottesville, Va., informing me that he considered the following problem of his, originally published in Nov.-Dec., 1944 issue of American Chess Bulletin, an anticipation of the Second Special Prize Award problem of Eric Hassberg in the Second Third-Degree Tourney of the CCLA. Mr. Holladay's problem: 3K4, 8, 5p2, 2pR4, 1pBk1P1, 1s1S1Pp, 2spQ3, 1B6. White mates in two. Key: R-f5. A comparative study of this problem with Mr. Hassberg's creation reveals that there is considerable justification for Mr. Holladay's contention.

Problem No. 45
By Dr. P. G. Keeney
Newport, Ky.
Originally Published
Atlanta Journal, 1934
Black: 5 men



White: 7 men
5B2, R7, 1p6, 5p5, PP2R3,
kp6, 8, 1B3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 46
By Vincent Lanuis Eaton
Washington, D. C.
Compsed for Chess Life
Black: 6 men



White: 4 men
kBS2, 2K5, 1p55, 4p3, 2rB3,
8, 1B6, 8
White mates in three moves

Problem No. 45 by Chess Life's Problem Editor, when originally published was considered a most amusing composition. While not regarded as a top grade composition, it has a fair key with some original and unusual mates. I hope you like it! It's a favorite of mine.

Problem No. 46 is a neat and economical 3er by Vincent Lanuis Eaton, problem composing wizard of Washington, D. C. Just the type of problem to be appreciated during the summer hot weather. Is light and pleasing and not too difficult.

Solutions:

Problem No. 41 yields to key of: 1. Q-B1 with threat of 2. K-R4. Nice unpinning key prepared for 5 variations from the unpinned Black Queen. The key to Problem No. 42 is: 1. R-R5. Main variations: 1., Kt-B7 ch.; 2. QxKt, K-B3; 3. R-Q4. If 1., Kt-B3 ch.; 2. RxxKt, K-Q5; 3. R-B4. Fine echo play! If 1., K-B4; 2. R(Q0)xKt followed by 3. R-Q4 or Q-R4 ace. Dual exists following 1., K-B5 by 2. either RxxKt.
Correct solutions to Problems No. 41 and 42 are acknowledged received from Jack Spence (Omaha), Vincent Sprague (Cleveland), T. Lundberg (Dallas), Edgar Holladay (Charlottesville), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), James Bolton (New Haven), H. Groendyke (Newport, Ky.).

U. S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

SOUTH FALLSBURG, NEW YORK

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Scores
Miss N. May Karf	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63-3
Mrs. Gisela Kahn Gresser	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	63-3
Mrs. Mary Bain	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	4-9
Mrs. Lena Grunette	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	33-33
Miss Lucille Kellner	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	23-43
Miss Adele Raettig	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-5
Mrs. Mary L. Selensky	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	2-5
Miss Elizabeth Wray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1-6

WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Scores
John Hurt, Jr.	W14	W2	L4	W8	W7	W5	W6	W1	5-1
Dr. Siegfried Werthauer	W3	L1	W11	W9	W5	W7	W2	W10	4-2
Gene Collett	L2	W12	L5	W14	W4	W10	W7	W1	5-1
Allen DuVall	W4	W9	W1	L7	L8	D6	W3	W23	33-23
Edward Foy	W10	D7	W9	W6	L2	L1	W3	W23	33-23
William Hartling	W11	L13	W10	L5	W8	D4	W3	W23	33-23
Reid Holt	W12	D5	W13	W4	L1	L2	W3	W23	33-23
Frank Branner	L4	W14	W3	L1	L6	D9	W3	W23	33-23
William Cuthbert	W13	L4	L5	L2	W14	D8	W3	W23	33-23
Harold Liggett	L5	W11	L6	D13	W12	L3	W3	W23	33-23
Allan Gilliland	L6	L10	L2	D12	W13	D14	W3	W23	33-23
Lynn Cavendish	L7	L8	L14	D11	L10	W13	W3	W23	33-23
Edwin Faust	L9	W8	L7	D10	L11	L12	W3	W23	33-23
Ray Martin	L1	L8	W12	L3	L9	D11	W3	W23	33-23

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

I first met Sol Rubinow when this tall youngster walked into the busy City College Chess Club and timidly enrolled in the college championship tournament. The quiet freshman was one of sixty competitors in an event which included Carl Pilnick, Sol Weinstein, Daniel Levine and the writer. City College was then the Intercollegiate Champion, and one team member after another (including me) was surprised and more than a little annoyed as this 17-year-old played his way through the field to win without the loss of a single game!

Sol played for City for four years, and compiled one of the best records ever achieved in college competition. He lost an average of but one game per season! Then, in his senior year, he captured the individual intercollegiate tournament without losing a point!

War-time duties occupied Rubinow until 1946, when he returned to tournament to finish 12th in the nationals. This year, playing his first serious chess since 1946, he proved the sensation of the South Fallsburg Tournament by finishing in a tie for fifth, and by defeating both Kashdan and Adams in fine style. Most impressive was his strong finish, in which he scored 8½ points in the last ten rounds!

Rubinow's technique of preparing for a tournament will interest students of the game. He devotes all the time he can spare to a careful study of Nimzowitch's books and articles. Perhaps this is why he so often baffles his opponents. But whatever the reason for his growing ability, let's add Sol Rubinow to the list of America's grandmasters of tomorrow!

ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Player	Score	Percent
Joseph Shafer	6-1	24.50
George Odell	6-1	24.25
Herman Hahlbohm	5-2	25.50
Albert Sandrin	5-2	17.75
Ed. Burger	4-3	17.75
Einar Michelsen	4-2 1/2	16.50
Sam Cohen	4-2 1/2	12.50
F. Stoppel	4-2 1/2	10.25
William Newberry	4-3	15.25
J. V. Reinhardt	4-3	13.50
K. Nedved	4-3	12.50
V. Tiers	4-3	11.00
Norin	4-3	9.50
Paul Poschel	4-3	9.50
D. Stanbridge	4-3	7.75
S. Winkaitis	3-3 1/2	11.75
L. J. Isaacs	3-3 1/2	10.50
A. Kaufman	3-3 1/2	10.50
Angelo Sandrin	3-3 1/2	9.25
Dave Scheffer	3-3 1/2	9.00
Goodman	3-4	8.50
Arnold Tucker	3-4	7.75
W. Grombacher	3-4	4.50
D. Steiner	2-4 1/2	6.75
Levinson	2-4 1/2	4.75
Aronson	2-5	1.00
Silverman	2-5	1.00
K. Klimas	1-6	0.00
Henderson	1-6	1.00

Five players withdrew without scoring a point.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Player	Score	Percent
Paul Dietz (Pittsburgh)	6-1	24.50
Hermann Hesse (Bethlehem)	6-1	24.25
Glenn Harle (Erie)	5-2	25.50
T. C. Gekunet (Allentown)	5-2 1/2	16.50
S. T. Sharpe (Philadelphia)	5-2	17.75

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formation. Suraci seemed baffled by Kramer's exotic opening play. Rubinow won two Pawns in the first nine moves—and then drew. Ulvestad showed unwonted timidity in not daring to meet the Albin Counter. Adams got an excellent game and won a Pawn, handling the ending with his customary skill. With a piece for three Pawns, Poschel decided that discretion is the better part of valor.

Leading scores: Kashdan 11½-2½; Steiner, Kramer 11-3; Ulvestad 10½-3½; Shainswit 9-5.

August 26: Fifteenth round pairings:

Kramer 0, Hesse 1; Nimzoindian 61.
Shainswit 1, Suraci 0; Sicilian 28.
Almgren 0, James 1; QGD Slav 46.
Shainswit ½, Heitner ½; Queen Ind. 27.
Poschel 1, Ulvestad 0; English 46.
Platz 0, Shipman 1; Nimzoindian 41.
Santasiere ½, Steiner ½; K. Gambit 51.
Whitaker 0, Rubinow 1; French 65.
Howard ½, Kashdan ½; Ruy Lopez 55.
Adams 1, Evans 0; French Def. 43.

Hesse won a Pawn in the opening and then played the opening splendidly. Sandrin completely outplayed his opponent and won in good style. James won a fine game, exploiting Almgren's weaknesses very energetically. One has the feeling that Shainswit could have made more of his position. Ulvestad was ruined by a bad technical oversight on which Poschel pounced like a tiger.

Santasiere achieved a hard-fought draw after it seemed for a long time that one of his Knights might be trapped. Rubinow's game was notable for the victor's masterly strategy in middle game and ending. Kashdan played his favorite Dilworth Variation, but Howard held on tenaciously and Kashdan had to be content with a draw. Shipman gradually got the upper hand and wound up the game with a neat sacrifice. Adams scored his victory with two Knights against two Bishops.

Leading scores: Kashdan 12-4; Steiner 11½-3½; Kramer 11-4; Ulvestad 10½-4½; Shainswit, Rubinow, Adams 9½-5½.

August 27: Sixteenth round pairings:

Santasiere 1, Almgren 0; QGD 62.
Suraci 0, Platz 1; French Def. 49.
Evans 1, Poschel 0; Ruy Lopez 32.
James 0, Howard 1; Ruy Lopez 30.
Rubinow 1, Adams 0; Giuoco Piano 37.
Ulvestad 1, Kramer 0; Nimzo. Def. 32.
Kashdan 1, Whitaker 0; QGD 38.
Heitner 1, Sandrin 0; Thruo. Kts. 58.
Steiner 1, Heitner 0; Reti 33.
Shipman ½, Shainswit ½; Caro-Kann 21.
Santasiere won a long drawn

out ending with two Rooks apiece. Platz faltered and allowed Suraci to obtain a winning endgame. Evans won a piece by neat play. James played well strategically, but allowed Howard to work up a sudden and overwhelming attack. Rubinow played a beautiful attacking game against Adams. Hesse thoroughly outplayed Sandrin, won a Pawn and then produced an artistic ending. Heitner more than held his own against Steiner, but toward the end he caved in deplorably.

Shipman and Shainswit slapped each other on the wrist 21 times—an interesting game, not to be confused with chess. Ulvestad-Kramer was an amazingly wild game, in which Kramer gave up a piece for four Pawns and then succumbed to a lively attack. Kashdan played very simply but effectively to reach a won ending.

Leading scores: Kashdan 13-3; Steiner 12½-3½; Ulvestad 11½-4½; Kramer 11-5; Rubinow 10½-5½; Hesse, Shainswit 10-6; Adams, Shipman 9½-6½.

August 28: Seventeenth round pairings:

Almgren 0, Steiner 1; Ruy Lopez 66.
Shainswit 1, Suraci 0; Colle System 45.
Howard ½, Santasiere ½; Alekhine Def. 11.
Whitaker 1, James 0; Giuoco Piano 24.
Platz ½, Hesse ½; French Def. 74.
Sandrin 1, Ulvestad 0; English 35.
Poschel 0, Rubinow 1; Dutch Def. 37.
Kramer ½, Evans ½; Reti 20.
Adams 1, Kashdan 0; King's Gambit 57.
Heitner ½, Shipman ½.

Steiner played the "strong-point" defense and slowly got the upper hand by dogged maneuvering. Suraci played well, won a Pawn and then succumbed to a devilish trap. Santasiere won a piece, but then weakened and allowed Howard to escape with a draw. Whitaker carried out a Moeller Attack very skillfully. Hesse played the ending well, but a lost tempo cost him what seemed certain victory.

Sandrin outplayed Ulvestad in masterly style. Rubinow won a Stonewall Defense in good style, winding up with an obvious but pleasing Queen sacrifice. Kramer and Evans exchanged everything in sight with masterly simplicity. Playing his favorite opening, Adams gave what turned out to be the death-blow to Kashdan's hopes of first prize—a brilliant game by Adams.

Leading scores: Steiner 13½-3½; Kashdan 13-4; Ulvestad, Kramer,

Rubinow 11½-5½; Shainswit 11-6; Hesse, Adams 10½-6½; Shipman 10-7.

August 29: Eighteenth round pairings:

Kashdan 1, Poschel 0; QGD 62.
Steiner ½, Shipman ½; Queen's Ind. 52.
Suraci 0, Heitner 1; Four Kts. 38.
Ulvestad 1, Platz 0; French Def. 39.
Evans 1, Sandrin 0; Queen's Ind. 52.
Almgren 1, Howard 0; Kiersitzky Gam. 60.
Rubinow 0, Kramer 1; English 50.
Adams 1, Kashdan 1; Albin Counter 38.
Santasiere 1, Whitaker 0; King's Gambit 58.

Hesse ½, Sainswit ½; French hDef. 39.
Kashdan won a hard-fought game in which Poschel missed drawing chances. Steiner tried grimly for a win, but Shipman defended heroically. Thus Kashdan and Steiner enter the last round tied for first place! Suraci blundered catastrophically. Platz won a Pawn in the opening, but his position was gradually undermined by Ulvestad's ubiquitous Bishops. Evans took an admirable advantage of his opponent's cramped position. Almgren won a game full of interest and inaccuracy.

Kramer drew ahead of Rubinow by beating him in a well-played ending. After an early exchange of Queens, Adams played the ending with simple but inexorable technique. Santasiere utilized the King's Gambit for a winning endgame. Shainswit interpolated a weak move or two in an ending that should have been won for him.

Leading scores: Kashdan, Steiner 14-4; Kramer, Ulvestad 12½-5½; Adams, Rubinow, Shainswit 11½-6½; Hesse 11-7; Shipman, Evans 10½-7½.

August 30: Nineteenth round pairings:

Kramer ½, Kashdan ½; Queen Ind. 57.
Howard 0, Steiner 1; Ruy Lopez 65.
Shainswit ½, Ulvestad ½; Catalan 51.
Whitaker ½, Almgren ½; Giuoco Piano 61.
Heitner 0, Hesse 1; Queen's Ind. 50.
Ulvestad 1, James 0; Ruy Lopez 49.
Adams 0, Santasiere 1; Caro-Kann 25.
Shipman 1, Suraci 0; French Def. 32.
Sandrin ½, Rubinow ½; French Def. 27.
Platz 0, Evans 1; French Def. 29.

The fateful last round began with Kashdan and Steiner tied at 14-4. Kashdan deserved a better fate than the draw he got in a difficult Queen and Pawn ending with Kramer. The latter defended resourcefully, as usual. Steiner won a well played and hard-fought game against Howard which had quite a family resemblance to his game with Almgren. Thus Steiner won the title by half a point.

Howard and Kramer—particularly Howard—deserved the greatest praise for the staunch fights they put up against the two contenders for first prize.

Shainswit drew his game (for the last time in this tournament, thank God!) with Ulvestad, who was but the chastened shadow of his former self. Such games are the shredded wheat of tournament chess. Whitaker-Almgren was a swashbuckling affair which ended in an interesting draw. Poschel skillfully exploited the weaknesses in his opponent's game.

Adams caved in after again adopting his favorite and inferior line (3. P-K5) against the Caro-Kann. Shipman trapped Suraci's Rook very neatly. Rubinow sacrificed a piece for a perpetual check. Platz sacrificed a Rook for an "all or nothing" attack. It turned out to be "Nothing."

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BRITISH COLUMBIA TIES WASHINGTON

In a tense and close struggle, in which Washington led for most of the way, the Fifth Chess International Match ended in a 15-15 tie between British Columbia and Washington, and the Peace Arch Trophy therefore for another year is in Canadian hands.

At adjournment time Washington led by 1½-1½ with three unfinished games. On Board one the game between Helman and Joachim was adjudged a draw, and the other two unfinished games were awarded the Canadians. In the Class B match British Columbia won by a score of 12-7 over Washington.

5th INTERNATIONAL MATCH

British Columbia	Washington
Helman.....	Joachim.....
Miller.....	Neale.....
Crosmer.....	Bever.....
Jurevskis.....	Hollman.....
Calhoun.....	Bader.....
Panton.....	Taro.....
Antonikoff.....	J. Nourse.....
Burill.....	Magerkurth.....
Smith.....	Nass.....
Engelman.....	Ames.....
Arden.....	Wallack.....
Butler.....	Collins.....
Carroll.....	Allen.....
Stevenson.....	Brandstrom.....
Sapiro.....	Schalin.....
Cooper.....	Gragey.....
DeHolland.....	Butler.....
Lacey.....	J. Nourse.....
Arrow.....	Coubrough.....
Russell.....	Hazen.....
Mokey.....	Tordion.....
Hanson.....	Traynor.....
Money.....	Roberts.....
Ostrom.....	Cowan.....
Slonier.....	Burgess.....
Braverman.....	Davidson.....
Jough.....	Bowder.....
Malysheff.....	Husby.....
Creet.....	Austin.....
Copleston.....	Howard.....
British Col.....15	Washington.....15

5th International Class B.

British Columbia	Washington
Lattin.....	McCownell.....
Harrison.....	Drummond.....
Gowan.....	Bushnell.....
Culbert.....	Carson.....
Elshelitz.....	Rieh.....
Elstauten.....	Kalegh.....
Crompton.....	Dileon.....
Kitchen.....	Klein.....
Cook.....	Wold.....
Mokey.....	Hoag.....
Taylor.....	Frazier.....
Vandershaaf.....	M. Anderson.....
Hogan.....	Danielson.....
Douglas.....	Emerson.....
Saunders.....	R. Alexander.....
Will.....	Oleander.....
Schacter.....	G. Anderson.....
Degecombe.....	Chipman.....
Weustien.....	Mrs. Carson.....
British Col.....12	Washington.....7

KANAWHA VALLEY SEES DUVALL WIN

The annual Kanawha Valley Chess Tournament consisted of leading players from the Carbide Chess Club of South Charleston, the Charleston champion and the Charleston Chess Club. Last year's event saw DuVall and Hurt tie for the title; but in this year's event Allen DuVall (Carbide Club champion) outdistanced all other contestants while Edward Foy and John Hurt, Jr. tied for second.

The tournament is sponsored annually by the Carbide Chess Club and Charleston Chess Club of West Virginia as a preliminary warm-up for the annual West Virginia Championship.

CARBIDE BOWS TO CHARLESTON

In a home and home match, the Charleston (W. Va.) Chess Club twice downed the Carbide (So. Charleston) Chess Club as a part of the preliminary warm-up for the annual West Virginia Championship.

Charleston Chess	Carbide Chess
Frank Branner.....	Allen DuVall.....
Reid Holt.....	Dick Grimm.....
Edward Foy.....	Harold Liggett.....
William Hartling.....	Dave Marples.....
Lynn Cavendish.....	Bob Swarbrick.....
Allan Gilliland.....	Jim Schilling.....
William Trustlow.....	Jim Schilling.....
Jesse Church.....	Hugh Allison.....
A. Schoenfeld.....	P. J. Lillevig.....

Charleston Chess	Carbide Chess
John Hurt, Jr.....	Dave Marples.....
Reid Holt.....	Allen DuVall.....
Frank Branner.....	Harold Liggett.....
Edward Foy.....	Dick Grimm.....
Edwin Faust.....	Ray Martin.....
Lynn Cavendish.....	Jim Ankeney.....
Walt Crede, Jr.....	Jim Schilling.....
Allan Gilliland.....	Kingly Hughes.....
Edward Holt.....	Hugh Allison.....
A. Schoenfeld.....	Mrs. Toni Grimm.....
Larry Kinnaman.....	Jack Simeral.....
Charleston.....9½	Carbide.....1½

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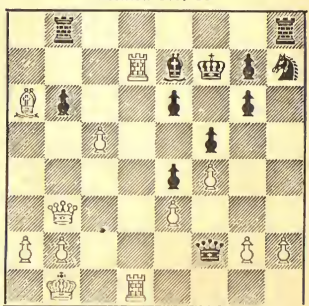
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Monday, September 20, 1948

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?
Position No. 11



1r5p, 3Rbks, Bp2p1, 2P22, 4p2, 1Q2Ps, Pp3pP, 1K1R4
White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 11 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by October 5, 1948.

Solution to Position No. 9
Played in London, 1929. White: W. Winter, ex-champion of England, 27. Rxf1, KxR1 if not, then R(Kt3)-K3; 28. Q-R5 ch!, KxQ; 29. R-R3 mate. Correct solutions were submitted by: Mark Fair (Omaha), Edw. J. Korpas (Maspeth, N. Y.), Jackie Mayer (Louisville), Frank A. Neal (San Francisco), Vincent G. Sprague (Cleveland), Dr. Julius S. Weingart (Des Moines), Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit) found a slightly longer line which also wins. Congratulations!

Berne, Switzerland: The 49th Swiss championship ended in a tie for Christoffel and Gygli with 8½ (on 11); 3. Blau 8; 4. Grob 7½; 5. Hedinger 7; 6-9. Batchinsky, Ehrat, Saubertl and Tordion 6½ each. There were 26 players.

Here's a game from the tournament. White: Christoffel; Black: S. Tordion. 1. Kt-KB3, Kt-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-QB3; 3. P-Q4, P-Q4; 4. Kt-B3, PxP; 5. P-QR4, B-B4; 6. Kt-K5 (Recently 5. P-K3 is preferred to the Kraus attack), P-K3; 7. P-B3, B-QKt5; 8. P-K4, BxP; 9. PxP, KtxP; 10. Q-B3 (Reshevsky played B-Q2 against Smyslov in the sixth round of the World Championship), QxQP; 11. QxBP ch, K-Q1; 12. B-Kt5 ch! KtxB; 13. QxKKtP, BxKt ch; 14. PxP, QxQBP ch; 15. K-K2, Q-Kt7 ch? (16. Q-B7 ch gave drawing chances); 16. K-K3, Q-Kt3 ch; 17. K-B4, Q-B7 ch; 18. KxKt, R-KB1; 19. R-Q1 ch K-B1; 20. P-Kt3, Q-B4 ch; 21. K-R4, Q-K5 ch; 22. P-Kt4, Q-KB5; 23. BxBP, Q-B7 ch; 24. K-R5! and Black resigned.

Belgium: Burges won the inter-club championship, second division. Six different cities participated.

Brunn, Czechoslovakia: Ing. Ol-exa won the title again of Champion of Brunn with 10½ pt. (on 12); 2-3. Dr. Florian and Kucera with 9½ each; 4. Kvapil 7½, etc.

Moscow, Russia: A match was played here between a team of Moscow and Tallin, players on both teams were unable to talk or hear. Moscow won 1½ to a ½. Probably a quiet match!

Smyslov is fishing at Lake Senez, near Moscow.

Keres is resting at Tallin.

Botvinnik has entered as a superior engineer in the Ministry of Electricity for Factories in the USSR.

Normandie, France: Rouen has won the inter-club championship of Normandie; 2. Le Havre; 3. Cherbourg; 4. Caen. The individual championship of Normandie was won, by A. Daniel of Rouen, followed by Romieue (Rouen) and Duthilleul (Caen).

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Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	Scores
Lee Eastburn.....	x	1	0	1	1	1	4-1
Rev. E. A. Holton.....	0	x	1	1	1	1	4-1
John Gregg.....	1	0	x	½	1	1	3½-1½
O. W. Upchurch.....	0	0	½	x	1	1	2½-2½
Maj. G. H. B. Terry.....	0	0	0	0	x	1	1-4
John Q. Adams.....	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-5

WEST VIRGINIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
Bob Swarbrick.....	x	½	1	1	1	1	1	5½-1½
Charles Morgan.....	½	x	½	1	1	1	1	5-1
Jack Allison.....	0	½	x	1	1	1	1	4½-1½
Dave Marples.....	0	0	0	x	½	1	1	2½-3½
Bill Adkins.....	0	0	0	0	x	½	1	2-4
J. E. Adkins.....	0	0	0	0	0	x	½	1½-4½
David Rodger.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-6

NEBRASKA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Percent
Lee T. Magee.....	W17	W16	W2	W3	W5	W4	6-0	25.00
David Ackerman.....	W25	W14	L1	W10	W8	W5	5-1	14.00
H. E. Ohman.....	D4	W21	W9	L1	W13	W18	4½-1½	13.25
V. W. Harris.....	D3	W23	W19	W7	W11	L4	4½-1½	12.75
E. F. Underwood.....	W15	W18	W8	L1	L2	4-2	13.00	
F. J. Rundell.....	W12	W12	W17	L1	W15	W14	4-2	12.00
J. Belzer.....	L10	W12	W14	L4	W13	W13	4-2	11.00
L. E. Johnson.....	W24	W19	W13	L5	L2	W11	4-2	9.50
A. C. Ludwig.....	L5	W20	L3	W22	W21	W12	4-2	9.00
B. W. Holmes.....	W7	L14	W16	L2	L12	W19	3-3	9.00
P. C. Ellis.....	L13	W24	W15	W6	L4	L8	3-3	8.50
D. L. Whitlow.....	L6	L7	W20	W17	L9	L10	3-3	8.00
R. Nosky.....	W21	W16	L3	W13	L3	L7	3-3	7.00
H. F. Underwood.....	W22	L2	L7	W19	W16	L6	3-3	7.00
J. H. Andre.....	W25	L5	L11	W25	L6	W24	3-3	4.00
R. E. Wear.....	Bye	L13	L10	W23	L14	W20	3-3	3.50
B. E. Ellsworth.....	L1	Bye	L6	L12	W23	W21	3-3	3.00
R. E. Scott.....	W20	L3	L4	L14	W25	L10	2-4	3.00
E. E. Bannister.....	W11	W10	L5	L13	L7	L3	2-4	2.50
Rev. F. Pryor.....	L19	L9	L12	Bye	W22	L16	2-4	2.00
B. E. Herstedt.....	L13	L3	Bye	W24	L9	L17	2-4	1.50
A. L. Swan.....	L14	W25	L23	L0	L20	Bye	2-4	1.00
Myron Rumery.....	L15	L4	W22	L16	L17	D25	1-5	1.50
W. J. Story.....	L18	L11	D25	L12	Bye	L15	1½-4½	2.50
J. W. Potts.....	L2	L22	D24	L15	L19	D23	1½-4½	1.00

NORTH CAROLINA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	Scores
R. Chauvenet.....	W3	W4	W11	W2	W7	W6	6-0
G. Sullivan.....	W8	W13	W6	L1	W4	L3	4-2
K. Crittenden.....	L1	D8	W10	W13	D6	W2	4-2
M. Southern.....	W12	L1	W13	W11	L2	W7	4-2
W. C. Adickes, Jr.....	L6	L12	W14	D8	W9	W11	3½-2½
P. Cronin.....	W5	W14	L2	D7	D3	L1	3-3
W. J. Peters.....	W9	D11	W12	D6	L1	L3	3-3
H. E. Snyder.....	L2	D3	D9	D5	W14	D10	3-3
C. Muller.....	L7	D10	D8	W12	L5	W13	3-3
D. B. Bryon.....	L11	D9	L3	W14	W13	D8	3-3
Dr. J. Gunter.....	W10	D7	L1	L4	W12	L5	2½-3½
T. Bradford.....	L5	W7	L9	L11	---	---	1-4
M. Silvers.....	L12	L14	L4	S-3	L10	---	0-2
C. R. Merritt.....	L13	L6	---	---	---	---	0-2

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DUTCH DEFENSE
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Notes by Irving Rivise

White Black
0. ULVESTAD 3. Kt-B3
1. P-Q4 P-K3 3. Kt-QB3 P-KB4
2. P-QB4 P-K3

Call has been experimenting with the Dutch Defense a good deal of late but here he adopts it in a most unpalatable form. The Black Pawns are immediately fixed and therefore, White has too much scope in planning the most effective development of his pieces.

4. Kt-B3
Routine development. A better method was 4. P-KK3 followed by 5. Kt-B3 and at the proper time P-QB5 plus the Q-side attack offers White excellent prospects. Black can do little to prevent this whole procedure and must concentrate on attempts at neutralization.

5. B-K15 P-B3 6. Q-K13
The Q is misplaced on this square. The planned pressure on the diagonal Q-R2-KK8 (in actuality Black's K-side castling) does not amount to much. 6. Q-B2 was better.

7. Kt-Q2 7. PXP
This move relieves Black's game considerably. Usually when Black adopts the Stone-wall Formation in the presence of White he knowingly resigns himself to the fact that his QB will be locked in for a major portion of the game. Now Black had better chances of bringing his QB into action at an earlier stage of the game.

8. P-K13 B-K2
The development of the B here is most unnatural and results in loss of valuable time. It is strange that Ulvestad who is a keen student and writer of opening theory should so have misjudged the opening that in a relatively few moves Black has obtained the better game.

9. O-O
An excellent move which must have come as a surprise to White and further points up the inadequacy of his 9th move. Should White now continue with 10. B-K2 there might follow 10. Kt-B4 and now there are two main variations:—A) 11. Q-B2, BxK2; 12. QxK2, Kt-K5; 13. Q-K4 (no better is 13. BxK2, a sample variation being 13. QxK2, Kt-K5; 14. Q-K4, Kt-K5; 15. Q-K6 ch; 16. P-Kt3, BxK2; 17. Kt-Q2, Kt-K5; 18. Kt-Q3, Kt-K5; 19. Kt-Q4, Kt-K5; 20. Kt-Q5, Kt-K5; 21. Kt-Q6 ch; 22. QxK2, Kt-K5; 23. Q-K4, Kt-K5; 24. Q-K5, Kt-K5; 25. Q-K6 ch; 26. P-Kt3, BxK2; 27. Kt-Q2, Kt-K5; 28. Kt-Q3, Kt-K5; 29. Kt-Q4, Kt-K5; 30. Kt-Q5, Kt-K5; 31. Kt-Q6 ch; 32. QxK2, Kt-K5; 33. Q-K4, Kt-K5; 34. Q-K5, Kt-K5; 35. Q-K6 ch; 36. P-Kt3, BxK2; 37. Kt-Q2, Kt-K5; 38. Kt-Q3, Kt-K5; 39. Kt-Q4, Kt-K5; 40. Kt-Q5, Kt-K5; 41. Kt-Q6 ch; 42. QxK2, Kt-K5; 43. Q-K4, Kt-K5; 44. Q-K5, Kt-K5; 45. Q-K6 ch; 46. P-Kt3, BxK2; 47. Kt-Q2, Kt-K5; 48. Kt-Q3, Kt-K5; 49. Kt-Q4, Kt-K5; 50. Kt-Q5, Kt-K5; 51. Kt-Q6 ch; 52. QxK2, Kt-K5; 53. 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EVANS TAKES NEW YORK TITLE

EVENTFUL MEET HELD BY C.F.C.

The Chess Federation of Canada held a most eventful annual meeting at Ottawa on September 4-5 to plan a very well-digested program for the coming year. Most important among its decisions was probably the creation of a National Youth Committee with Dr. J. Rauch of Montreal as chairman. This committee is designed to promote chess for the youth in Canada on lines similar to the USCF National Chess Youth division created last year.

The Canadian Chess Championship for 1949 was set for Arvida, Quebec, date as yet undetermined. It was decided that all entrants in the championship tournament must qualify. 16 entrants are to be accepted and of these New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island shall provide one entrant, Nova Scotia 1, Quebec 3, Ontario 3, Manitoba 1, Saskatchewan 1, Alberta 1, and British Columbia 1 to be qualified by provincial competition. To these shall be added sufficient invited Canadian Chess Experts to bring the total to 16 entrants.

At the Annual Meeting the following were elected as officers for 1949 for the Chess Federation of Canada: Bernard Freedman (Toronto, Ont.) president, D. A. MacAdam (Saint John, N. B.) 1st vice-president, Scotty Loudon (Calgary, Alta.) 2nd vice-president, Oslas Baln (Quebec, Que.) secretary, and C. Carroll (Chilliwack, B. C.) treasurer.

CROSS CAPTURES CALIF. OPEN

The first Open Championship, held in California by the newly organized California State Chess Association, resulted in the victory of Jim Cross, of Glendale who finished third in the recent U. S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge.

A. J. Fink of San Francisco was second, N. Falconer of Berkeley third, Ray Martin of Los Angeles fourth, and Wade Hendricks of Santa Cruz fifth in the 7 round Swiss which had 36 entries. George Koltanowski, the blindfold wizard, directed the tournament which was played at Atasadero with the Atasadero Chess Club acting as the hosts.

At a business meeting at the Amerivet Building plans were laid for the organization of the new California State Chess Association, and a committee was appointed to provide a permanent constitution. LeRoy Johnson served as president pro tem. and C. W. Bird was acting secretary.

The California Chess News, published by George Koltanowski, was named the official organ of the new association.

It is not indicated whether the members of the older California Chess Association plan to participate in this reorganized association or will continue as a separate body.

STEARNS WINS OHIO CROWN

Former State Champion Elliott Stearns of Cleveland regained the Ohio title in the six round Swiss tournament at the Seneca Hotel in Columbus with a score 5½-2½. Second place was a tie on won-and-lost between Ray Sachs of Cleveland, Peter J. Seitz of Akron, Henry W. Schuer of Akron, and P. W. Stephens of Cleveland with 4½-1½ each. The tie was broken on weighted points in the order named.

In the Junior Championship Myron Frederic of Columbus captured the title with 5-1, while Mrs. Mena Schwartz of Cleveland took the Woman's crown with 3-1. The tournament was directed by James Stevens, with M. H. Allison and Col. Vandervoort serving as assistant directors.

In the annual meeting of the Ohio Chess Association James L. Stevens (Columbus) was elected present, A. R. Phillips (Cleveland) executive vice-president and editor of Ohio Chess Bulletin, Col. B. F. Vandervoort (Columbus) honorary president for life.

DYAL CAPTURES FLORIDA TITLE

Donald F. Dyal of Cross City nosed out Stephen Shaw of Miami for the Florida Chess Championship in a 6 round Swiss with 28 entrants. Dyal drew with Shaw and won his other contests for a 5½-2½ score. Shaw drew with Major Holt in addition to Dyal for a 5-1 score for second place.

Third place went to R. B. Diaz of Tampa with 4½-1½, while fourth place was a tie between Major J. B. Holt, Ramon Robaldo, Charles Layng, and S. Castro with 4-2 each.

Tied at 3½-2½ each were E. J. Dowling, E. Mailhot, Bernard Klein, W. A. Reynolds, Arthur Montano and E. G. Werber.

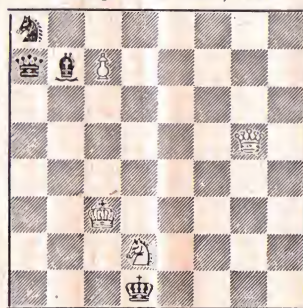
The tournament was held at Tampa by the Florida Chess League, which voted to hold the 1949 meeting at St. Petersburg. Officers of the League elected at the annual meeting were: James B. Gibson (Tampa) president, Bernard Klein (Jacksonville) first vice-president, Dr. A. B. Ferguson (St. Petersburg) second vice-president, Major J. B. Holt (Sarasota) secretary-treasurer.

DR. EUWE PLANS DECEMBER VISIT

Former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe plans an extended visit to the United States this December in which he will be free to make a number of engagements for simultaneous exhibitions.

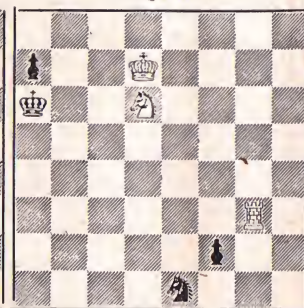
Clubs, desiring the privilege and pleasure of an exhibition of Dr. Euwe's skill, may arrange to do so by writing to Mr. Hans Kmoch, 630 W. 170th St., New York 32, N.Y., who will book the engagements.

Position No. 35
By M. Chodera (Prague)
L'Echiquier de Paris, 1947



s7, qbP5, 8, 6Q1, 8
2K5, 3K1, 3K4
White to play and win

Position No. 36
By Guilhaume Groesser
Original



8, p2K4, k2B4, 8, 8, 6R1
5p2, 4s3
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojam

SOMEWHAT less profound and somewhat more artificial than the studies in our last issue, the two positions published today will also repay study. In Position No. 35 by the gifted Czechoslovak composer the delicate threats of mate by White are utilized to reduce Black's forces to a point at which White can menace mate in earnest. This is a difficult setting to achieve with a free Black Queen on the board, and the difficulties are overcome in an artistic manner.

Position No. 36 is a simpler setting. Black must be cajoled by threat and persuasion into the loss of his Pawn at B7, and his Knight must be trapped ere victory can come to White. The main line of play, however, once discovered is straight-forward and direct.

Solution will be published in the November 5th issue.

Assessing the U. S. C hampionship Tournament

The tournaments are now over—and the period of assessment is setting in. The apparent greatness of the tournament was easily discernable before the tournaments began. Any apprehension I might have carried within me were dispelled after the tournaments were underway. Most of my apprehensions centered around the staging of the big event in a community that was extremely busy with a great influx of summer visitors, and whose residents really have no time whatsoever to give to other than livelihood concern.

These things necessitated concern not only on my part, but fell more on the shoulders of one really great and fine personage, Dick Wayne. I shall never be able to laud sufficiently the merits of Dick. The work that fell upon his shoulders was mountainous, and mine was petty indeed to his problems. There is no need here to enumerate the several bomb-shells which fell upon the tournaments from time to time—it suffices to say that Dick met these very ably and with great distinction—smoothing the way for a really great national tournament. Some of the remarkable things that took place was the degree of cooperation between 30 odd hotels to give cost-free vacations to all players, officials and the press; the use of a car-pool by many, many residents of this community to insure everyone getting back to their hotels in time for dinner after conclusion of the 7 p.m. play—all this daily during the three weeks of play.

Other greatnesses in connection with the tournament was the thorough democraticness with which the events were run; with chess being brought to the countryside and given to the American populace; the great publicity reaped both for our community and for the game by employing a direct publicity campaign which made chess a household word for many thousands, thus advancing the progress of the game's promotion to a marked degree. Only fine impressions were left by the tournament participants upon the community of South Fallsburg, and this was only too noticeable during the farewells after the wonderful testimonial luncheon staged at the Riverview Hotel. All players, men and women, received prizes. Any differences in the non-prize winners was made up by the Fallsburg Chamber of Commerce.

Much of good for the future of chess can come out of the Fallsburg Tournaments. It must always be kept in mind that chess belongs, not only to the player, but to those who might want to become players in the future. Thus, tournaments should be run in manners that might appeal to spectators, such as viewing the players (and not boards in another room). The great game that it is is deserving of support from all corners of the land and no true chess lover should so contain himself as to unwittingly being selfish in keeping the knowledge of chess from others. The world awaits the great good that can be given it by the fine expression found in chess.

ANTONIO C. BALDUCCI
South Fallsburg, New York.

ADAMS VICTOR IN NEW ENGLAND

The perennial New England Champion Weaver W. Adams once again successfully defended his title in a twenty-three man Swiss tournament held at Portsmouth under the auspices of the Portsmouth Chess Club. Organizers were Orlando A. Lester and Alexander Sadowsky of the Portsmouth Club with the Rt. Rev. Robert Dunn serving as tournament director.

Adams served notice of his intention to win in the first round by besting Orlando A. Lester, Jr., New Hampshire State Champion, and in the course of the tourney yielded only two draws for a score of 6-1. The second draw in the last round was conceded to Massachusetts State Champion John Curdo.

Second place resulted in a quintuple tie between Daly, Curdo, Putzman, Bolton and Lester with 5-2 each, for a rather unusual situation. Next to the faultless form displayed by Weaver Adams in overcoming all opposition, the outstanding feature of the tournament was the strong, aggressive play of the 16-year-old Massachusetts Champion, John Curdo.

EVANS SWEEPS N. Y. STATE MEET

Larry Evans, 16-year old Marshall Chess Club champion, won the New York State title and custody of the Binghamton trophy with 7 wins and one draw in an eight round Swiss in which 24 players competed.

Leading scorers in the championship event were: L. Evans 7½-2½, O. Ulvestad 6-2, J. W. Collins 5½-2½, J. Soudakoff, A. Rothman and Dr. G. Katz 5-3 each, Dr. M. Herzberger and C. F. Rehberg 4½-3½ each. By virtue of tie-breaking Soudakoff placed fourth, Rothman fifth and Katz sixth.

In the General Tournament 11 players competed with victory going to G. Partos with 9-1. Second was O. Schlanger with 8-2, third A. Daman with 6½-3½, fourth L. Arden with 6-4, and fifth R. Silbers with 5½-4½.

Not content with his victory in the Championship, Larry Evans also captured the Speed Title, being undefeated throughout. 30 players competed in three sections. Leading scores in the finals were: Evans 8-0, Rothman 6-2, Ulvestad 5½-2½, E. T. McCormick 4½-3½, Soudakoff 3-5, Collins and Katz 2½-5½, Almgren and Hinaman 2-6.

The Broome County team won the Genesee Cup with the score of 9½-2½. Following were Chemung 7½-4½, Onondaga 7-5, Tioga 0-12.

Buffalo captured the Susquehanna Valley Cup, totalling 18-2. Rochester scored 15½-4½, Syracuse 8-12, Binghamton 7½-12½, Endicott-Johnson 6-14, Queens 5-15.

At the annual dinner the members of the NYSCA were guests of Charles Johnson of the Endicott Johnson Shoe Co. T. McCannon, retiring NYSCA president, presided. Dr. Max Herzberger was elected president.

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CORRECTION NOTED

WHEN the Editor quoted from a faulty memory (years ago someone borrowed permanently his copy of the FIDE code) that FIDE did not bar the brief agreed draw, many eager readers wrote him promptly that the FIDE rule is the same as that in the Chess Code published in the 1939 USCF Year-book, viz: "By mutual agreement, but only after 30 moves have been made with the Black men".

The Editor wishes to thank all who wrote him, and at the same time make the comment that since this is the case, the various tournament directors who permitted and accepted draws by agreement of less than thirty moves cannot escape their share of the blame for this sad and destructive situation. No doubt they erred in ignorance, as did most of the players; but ignorance of the law has never been a very convincing excuse. They can, however, console themselves with the knowledge that the directing of the recent World Championship was equally at fault in allowing Botvinnik and Euwe to draw in 14 moves in the world championship—the game that clinched the title for Botvinnik!

But despite these august examples in law-breaking, CHESS LIFE still insists that the short, aimless, agreed draw is "Chess-cheating" and that in the future scorn should be portion of the player who agrees to such a draw, and the tournament director who accepts it.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH CHESS

FREQUENTLY we hear the lamentation that the daily press refuses to take chess seriously. The statement is always made with the inference that the newspaper editor is the villain in the piece, being both short-sighted and prejudiced. There is never any suggestion made that chess players have contributed more than their share to this indifference.

Yet, let us consider the matter without bias and admit that the daily press has grounds for its attitude. No newspaper (and this is a fundamental fact) will take greater interest in any activity than the devotees of that activity themselves. And when, as a matter of fact, it is frequently impossible to pry current chess news out of chess players regarding tournaments, the daily press cannot be blamed for assuming that chess players are completely indifferent to the publication of chess news.

For example, CHESS LIFE is a newspaper devoted to the news of chess — yet quite frequently it cannot obtain the results of State and national tournaments without exerting considerable pressure and reiterated insistence. Sometimes CHESS LIFE exerts that pressure; sometimes the Editor merely shrugs his shoulders wearily and forgets about that particular tournament. The daily press, being much less interested in chess, follows the editor's example as a general rule.

And even CHESS LIFE fails to gather in all the results that it asks for. For it seems that many State and Regional groups are so totally indifferent to the value of publicity and indifferent to the interest of other chess players that their attitude is one of defying chess publications to discover who won their state and regional titles.

In July of this year Louisiana held its State Tournament. Indirectly we have ascertained that Cecil K. Collins won the title, but NOT through the offices of the Louisiana Chess Association; and our information was too scanty to warrant even a brief item in the news columns.

In the same way, it is alleged that the Montana State Tournament ended in a triple tie between Jerry Moore, Dr. Frank DiPaula and J. Van Teylingen; but this is mere hearsay which has not merited notice.

It has also been suggested that Wisconsin held a State Championship Tournament at Sheboygan with Richard Kujoth as the alleged winner, but the Wisconsin Chess Association has been too proud in its isolation even to inform its neighbors in Illinois.

More recently (in September) there have been tournaments in Georgia, Virginia and New York, not to mention the Southwestern Open. Whether the organizations which sponsor these also intend to assert their proud isolation from the rest of the country by secreting the results of these events, we cannot yet affirm.

So when CHESS LIFE, a publication devoted to chess news, finds it difficult (and sometimes impossible) to learn the results of various tournaments, it is hardly strange that the daily press has long since shrugged off chess as an activity totally indifferent to a publicity.

There is really nothing wrong with chess in America that a little intelligence and application could not mend. But until those who organize and manage chess tournaments learn the bitter fact that publicity means a little work on their own part, that news is not born of thin air but comes from the intelligent use of paper and typewriters, that news has a time element demanding a prompt reporting of results, chess will continue to have very scant notice in the daily press.

And the guilty party is not the newspaper editor but the chess organizer whose own indifference, ignorance or indolence has created the existing situation.

Montgomery Major.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., Newport, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

Hungarian Problem Tourneys

AMERICAN problemists may be pleased to contribute their "pet" creation as entries in one or all of several international problem composing tourneys, arranged by the Hungarian Workers' National Chess Federation and the Hungarian Chess Problem Society, to honor the Centennial Celebration of the 1848-1849 Fight for Freedom of Hungary.

Ten tournaments or contests, each dedicated to the memory of outstanding Hungarian composers who lost their lives during World War II, are open for entries. The tournaments are of varied types, consisting of (a) Direct 2ers of complete block type, containing at least five new mates (changed and added); (b) Direct two-move threat problems showing dual avoidance and correction play in changed mate form (the set mate of the initial position must change); (c) Direct mate 3ers showing black damages, such as line self-interference, square blockings, etc.; (d) Problems in at least eight moves, direct mates; (e) Direct mates in more than 25 moves; (f) Helpmates in two moves; (g) Helpmates in 3 moves. The feature of the helpmates is to exhibit the so-called Hungarian helpmate theme, which consists of the requirement, during the solution, of either white or black being compelled to make moves not connected with the mates (tempo moves). (h) Sui-mates in two moves showing mechanisms used in direct mate 2ers; (i) End games; and (j) Any type of problem which by setting or content symbolizes the 1848-1849 Hungarian Fight for Freedom.

Worth-while prizes are offered for the best entries in each section. Entries, in unlimited number and on one diagram (no duplicate), giving name and address of composer and full solution, should be mailed to: Arpad Foldeak, Muegyetem, Budapest XI, Hungary, not later than October 31, 1948.

Following the publication of the Second Third-Degree Tourney Award CCLA, issue of CHESS LIFE, August 5, 1948, I received a communication from Edgar Holladay, Charlottesville, Va., disclosing that he believed the Second Special Prize Problem by Eric Hassberg of New York had been anticipated by an earlier composing effort of Mr. Holladay.

As there appeared to be considerable justification for the claim, the two positions were submitted to the Tourney Judge, F. Gamage, for a verdict that would either affirm or deny Mr. Holladay's claim. Judge Gamage's judgement follows:

As the ideas and objectives of these two problems seem quite distinct, one featuring a new form of 03, the other a straight half-pinner the similarity of matrix and mates should not seriously penalize the Hassberg version. In fact this modernization of an old set-up seems to me a real achievement. Today's two move problems which are both good and original are practically all quite familiar except for technical differences. For this reason I think that complete originality in two movers, while extremely desirable, should not be required or even expected.

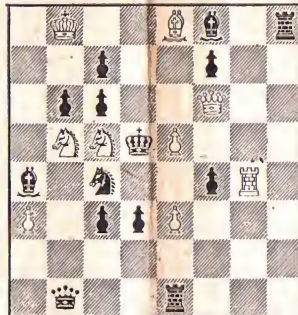
Special credit is hereby given J. Bolten, New Haven, Conn. for discovering that the Third Commendation Problem by Buchwald in the same second Third-Degree Tourney CCLA is unsound, having no solution.

Problem No. 47

By D. L. Lindner

M. S. V. 1942 Hon. Menton

Black: 14 men



White: 9 men
1K2b1r, 2p2q2, 1pp2kp3,
1b2k1, 1p1p3, 5, 1q2r
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 48

By T. Florian

Nepszava, 1936 I Prize

Black: 12 men



White: 10 men
1b1r3, 2232, 1p1q3, 1pp1r,
1q2r, 1p7, 1p6, 4b2
White mates in two moves

The preceding problems Nos. 47 and 48 are excellent illustrations of one of the many featured problem tourneys now being conducted by the Hungarian Chess Problem Society. These problems are examples of direct 2 move threat problems, showing dual avoidance and correction play in changed mate form, with the proviso that set mates of the initial position should change.

I leave it to my solvers to find the keys to these two problems and study the complicated mechanism these problem geniuses employed in achieving the theme.

Solutions:

The key to Problem No. 47 is: 1. K-B6 with threat of 2. RXP. The Black defenses are: 1. Kt-B3; 1. Kt-B6; 1. BxP; and 1. QxR. The White mates are respectively: 2. KtXB; Q-B2; 2. KtXB; and B-K7.

Problem No. 48 is a peculiar sort of problem. It yields to key 1. Q-Kt6 with obvious threat of 2. Kt-Q8 ch, P-Kt1; 3. Q-Q4 or K3 mate. However since 1. P-Kt1 disposes of this threat, a second threat must exist (and it does), a well concealed threat which makes the problem of more than ordinary interest and rendering it rather difficult of solution. The second threat is 1. Q-Kt6; 2. Q-Kt3; 3. Mate accordingly. Suppose 1. Q-Kt6, P-Kt1 (which refutes the first threat): 2. Q-Kt3! and a number of interesting sub-variations are manifest: 2. Pxp dis. ch; 3. B-K6; or if 2. Kt-Kt1; 3. BxKt; or if 2. KtP; 3. Q-Kt8; or if 2. P-Rt8; 3. B-Q4; or if 2. P-K6; 3. Q-Kt1; or if 2. other: 3. B-Q4. Therefore since the key sets up a double threat, one or the other moves no matter what the Black defenses may be. White's well hidden second move in the second mentioned threat with some excellent sub-variations seem to make this a worthwhile creation despite the flaws of double threat, short mates and numerous duals. An interesting type of problem but lacking, sadly lacking, in the composing elements required to merit recognition in a composing contest.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 43 and 44 are acknowledged received from F. Holloway (Grand Rapids), Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Jack Spence (Omaha), Rev. E. Murray Chidley (Toronto), H. Groendyke (Newport, Ky.), and N. Gabor (Cincinnati). T. Lundberg (Dallas) correctly solved No. 43.

Related correct solutions to No. 41 and 42 are acknowledged received from F. Holloway (Grand Rapids) and Rev. E. Murray Chidley (Toronto).

As a Manhattan Chess Club wit once remarked to me, "What a pity to spend so much time studying endgames: so few ever get that far."

From "Botvinnik The Invincible" by Fred Reinfield.

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

The NEW York State Tournament always seems to produce its share of curious chess happenings. This year, in the encounter between Phillips and McCormick, the players had to move their game to another part of the room at a critical point in the struggle. McCormick had just made his move. Both players were so engrossed in the position that they ignored the fact that McCormick moved again after they sat down! Ed won the game, and it was not until the post-mortem analysis that the double move was noticed! The game was then set up at the "Moving" position and finally drawn.

In another game featuring one of these players, the more common slip of casting with the queen occurred! All of which brings to mind the curious occasion in 1941 when a player named Si was paired with the Dean of Men of his college in a Metropolitan League match. Si moved a Kt from K2 to Q4 during the time-pressure scramble, a move which transformed his position into an easy win! The match ended in an overwhelming student victory, and each game was carefully examined on the next school day. It was only then that the illegal move was noticed!

This presented us with a very difficult problem. The right thing to do was to announce the discovery and to request the proper change in the match score. However, as Si pointed out, it certainly didn't seem proper for a senior who had had more than his share of trouble with the Dean's office to admit to having beaten the Dean illegally! After days of discussion, it was decided to let the matter drop for a few weeks. By then, Si had graduated and the Dean, when informed of the queer nature of the game he had lost, and of the problem it had caused us, surprised everyone by indulging in a long and hearty laugh!

For The Tournament-Minded

October 18

Hyde Park YMCA Trophy
Tournament
Chicago, Illinois

Open to all players; entry fee \$1.00 which includes month's membership in club; will begin the third week in October; tournament has always attracted a strong field of Chicago players; trophy and prizes; send entries to David I. Levadi, 1901 E. 74th St., Chicago, Ill., or make entry in person any Thursday night at club meeting at the Hyde Park YMCA.



RICHARD WAYNE

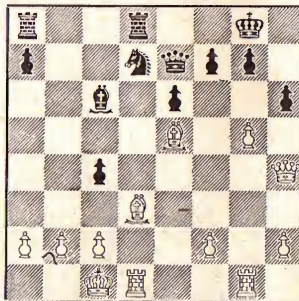
Resting from his labors and reflecting upon his next move, the Tournament Director of the U. S. Championship Tournament is caught in a characteristic pose and mood.

Tuesday, October 5, 1948

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?
Position No. 12



f2xk1, p2sqp1, 2h1p2, 4b1p1,
2p4q, 3b4, f2p2p1, 2k2r1
White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 12 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by October 20th, 1948.

Solution to Position No. 10

From the game, J. Mieses—G. Wierna, Bad Schandau, 1928. 19. P-Q61, BxP (forced); 20. BxKt, Pxb1; 21. Kt-K5 and Black resigned. Correct solutions were received from: Joe Faucher (Garden City, N.Y.), Joseph H. Hiss (Lancaster, Pa.), Edw. J. Kornpanty (Maspeth, N.Y.), Fred Sorensen (Pittsburgh), V. G. Sprague (Cleveland), and Dr. Julius S. Weingart (Des Moines). Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit) found a different winning line, longer but quite effective. Congratulations!

Beginning with Position No. 12 in this issue of CHESS LIFE, we are inaugurating a series of ladder contests upon the solutions of "What's the Best Move?" Each three months a chess book will be awarded to the solver with the most points at the end of the quarter contest; and the award of a chess book will be made to the solver with the highest number of cumulative points at the end of the four quarters of the contest.

Carlsbad-Marlenbad, Czechoslovakia: Many tournaments are taking place now in Europe. In the above tournament the final result was: Foltys (Czechoslovakia) 13; 2. Barcza (Hungary) 12; 3. L. Steiner (Australia) 12; 4.5. Pirc (Yugoslavia) and Stoltz (Sweden) 11½ each; 6.7. Opocensky (Czechoslovakia) and Ing. Vidmar (Yugoslavia) 11 each; 8-10. Podgorny (Czechoslovakia), Sajtar (Czechoslovakia) and Yanofsky (Canada) 10 each, etc.

Here is a game that won a brilliancy prize. White: Barcza; Black: Trojanescu. Catalan Opening. 1. Kt-K3, P-Q4; 2. P-KKt3, Kt-KB3; 3. B-Kt2, P-K3; 4. O-O, P-B4; 5. PQ4, B-K2 6. PxP, BxP; 7. P-B4, 0-0; 8. Kt-B3, PxP; 9. Q-R4, P-K2; 10. QxP, P-QR3; 11. Kt-K5, P-QKt4; 12. Q-KR4, B-Kt2; 13. Kt-Kt4! BxB; 14. B-Kt5! B-Q5; 15. KR-K1, B-Kt2; 16. Kt-Kt4 ch, BxKt; 17. BxB, PxB; 18. R-Q4! QKt-Q2; 19. R-Kt4 ch, K-R1; 20. R-Q1! B-Q4; 21. Kt-K4, R-KKt! 22. Kt-BP, R-Kt2; 23. Q-R6! Black resigns.

England-Australia radio match ended a tie: 5-5. L. Golembek-L. Steiner 0-1 (This game was played over the board in the above tournament); 2. Alexander-Purdy 1-1; 3. Broadbent-Koshnitsky 0-1; 4. Winter-Pickler 1-1; 5. Fairhurst-E. Goldstein 1-1; 6. G. Wood-Crowl 1-1; 7. Newman-Karoly 1-0; 8. Milner-Barry-Klass 1-1; 9. Aitken-Hanks, Horne-Bowman 1-1; 10.

Stockholm, Sweden: Szabo just managed to lose hold of the first place in this important tournament. He was leading up to the 17th round. He drew against Stoltz in the 18th and lost to Lundin in the last round. 190 games were played. White won 49, Black won 34. 107 games were drawn! Of the twenty games of rounds 11, and 17, sixteen were drawn! The most combative round was the 14th, in which eight games were decided.

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OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Left to right Earl Dennison (second in Junior), Myron Frederick (Junior Champion), Col. Vandervoort holding Stearns Trophy, Ranier Sachs (second in Championship), Pete Seitz (third in Championship), Henry Schuer (fourth in Championship), Mrs. Vandervoort holding the Women's Championship Trophy.



OHIO WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The battle is on as Defending Women's Champion, Mrs. Catherine E. Jones (left) faces Mrs. King of Fremont. Standing is Mrs. Mena Schwartz of the Queen's Chess Club of Cleveland, who won the Ohio Women's Championship for 1948 in the tournament at Columbus.



DUANE MERRILL

Victor in the 1st Utah Junior Championship, young 14-year old Duane Merrill has a happy smile for all.

MERRILL VICTOR IN UTAH JUNIOR

Duane Merrill (14) scored a clean sweep in the first Utah State Junior Championship at Salt Lake City with a score of 8-0. Merrill, a Lincoln High school student, has been playing chess for three years. Second place went to Keith Connors (15) of West High school with 7-1. Connors lost his only game to Merrill in the toughest battle that the young champion had in the tournament.

The tournament was organized by the Salt Lake YMCA Chess Club under the direction of H. A. Dittman; and the trophy was one of the Dittman creations in rare woods, similar to those held by the U. S. Chess Champion and the World Chess Champion, although not quite as elaborate.

As a result of the enthusiasm for chess among the juniors, Mr. Dittman, president of the Salt Lake YMCA Chess Club plans to organize a high school chess league of the three city high schools and the neighboring Granite high school.

UTAH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Duane Merrill (Lincoln High)	8-0
Keith Connors (West High)	7-1
Lorin Hansen (Granite High)	5-3
Val Lund (South High)	4-3
Ted Pathakis (West High)	4-4
John Sherman (East High)	3-5
Emerson Snider (Edison)	2-5½
Ralph Stewart (West High)	2-6
Elwood Snider (Edison)	0-8

MASS. CLUB WINS IN RADIO MATCH

The Boylston Chess Club (Boston) in its first radio match against the Hartford Chess Club compiled a score of 7-3 over its opponents. The match started at 2:00 P. M. on Sunday and was concluded at 12:15 A. M. Monday morning in a gruelling 10 hour battle.

Boylston Chess	Hartford Chess
Adams	Michell
Katz	Donahue
Daly	Powers
Dr. Putzman	Raymond
Hubert	Childs
Carson	Olmetead
Garfield	Booth
Gring	Owens
Waters	Hough
Egan	Yager
Boylston	Hartford

Solutions:

Endgame Positions No. 31 and 32 Chess Life, issue of September 5, 1948.

No. 31 by C. Raina: 1. P-Q7! R-KB1 (if 1. ... BxP; 2. R-KKt3, R-KKt3; 3. R-Kt7, B moves B-B3 and 5. B-Kt mate. If 1. ... R-QR1 or QKt1; 2. R-QR3 or QKt3. If 1. ... R-Q1; 2. R-B5, etc.) 2. P-Q8(Q!) (if 2. R-Q8, BxP; 3. RxB, K-Kt4 draws), R-Q8; 3. R-Q8! R-KKt1; 4. R-Q8!, R-R2; 5. R-KKt1 followed by 6. B-B3 and 7. B-Kt mate. No. 32 by F. Reusing: 1. K-B4, K-Kt3; 2. K-K5, K-Kt2; 3. K-B5, K-R3; 4. K-B6, K-R2; 5. R-Kt5, K-Kt2; 6. KxP, K-B3; 7. K-Kt4, K-R2; 8. R-Kt5, R-R2; 9. P-R5, K-Kt2; 10. P-R6 ch, K-K2; 11. K-R5, K-R1; 12. K-K6, K-Rt1; 13. Kt-Q3, K-R1; 14. Kt-K5! P-B3 (Q); 15. Kt-B7 ch, K-R1; 16. P-R7 ch, K-R1; 17. P-R8(ch, K-K2; 18. Q-Q8 ch, K-R3; 19. Q-Q6 mate. If 11. ... K-Kt1; 12. K-K6, K-R1; 13. Kt-Q3, K-R1; 14. P-R7 ch, K-R1; 15. Kt-K5 and 16. Kt-B7 mate. Correct solutions to Endgames No. 31 and 32 were received from V. G. Sprague (Cleveland), Fred Sorensen (Pittsburgh) submitted correct solution to endgame No. 32.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

EDGARD COLLE was one of those romantics, like Marshall, Janowski and Spielmann, who live only for the attack. It was characteristic of his fiery play that he took one of the most harmless opening variations and made of it a fearsome weapon. The game which follows is not an example of the Colle Variation, but it has remarkable points; playing the Black pieces, Colle crushes a future World Champion in 19 moves!

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Amsterdam, 1926

White	Black
DR. M. EUWE	E. COLLE
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	P-Kt5
4. Q-K2	B-B4
5. Kt-B3	Kt-B3
6. PxP	BxP
7. B-Kt5	B-K2
8. 0-0-0	

By casting Queen-side, White saves a tempo for doubling the Rooks on the Queen file in order to concentrate on Black's weak QP. However, White's King is anything but secure at QB1 as Colle's energetic play will demonstrate.

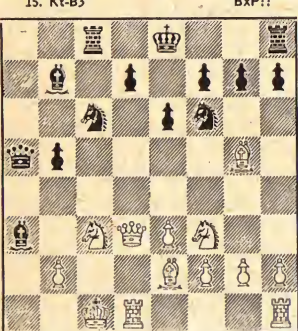
9. P-QR3
Creating a future target for Colle's attack.

10. P-K2
11. B-K3
12. Kt-QKt1
In order to threaten P-QKt4. But 12 R-Q2 followed by 13 KR-Q1 was the logical course.

13. PxP
Opening up the Queen's Bishop file at the inexpensive cost of a Pawn.

14. Q-Q3
Attacking the QKtP and also threatening to win a piece by 15 BxKt and 16 QxPch.

15. Kt-B3
Luxurious gain of time by threatening discovered check.



16. BxKt
If 16 PxP, Kt-K4! or 16 QxP, QxKtch; 17 K-Kt1, Q-Kt5! and wins.

17. K-Kt1
He does not fear 17 QxPch, for after 17 ... K-B1; 18 QxB??, QxKtch forces mate!

18. Kt-Kt1
Beautiful! If now 18 KxB, Q-Kt5 ch; 19 K-B2, Kt-K4!; 20 KtKt, B-K5! winning.

19. Kt-R2
18 QxPch holds out longer but leaves White with a lost game: 18 ... K-B1; 19 KxB (19 QxB?, Q-R8 ch leads to mate), Q-Kt5ch; 20 K-B2, Kt-K4; 21 Q-Q6ch, QxQ; 22 RxQ, P-Kt5; 23 KtKt, BxPch and wins.

20. Kt-K4!
If 19 QxP, B-K5ch!; 20 KxB, R-B7ch etc., or 19 Q-Kt3, B-K5ch!; 20 KxB, R-B7ch; 21 K-R1, RxB and wins.

21. B-Q4!
Resigns

JAPAN OFFERS FRIENDLY GIFT

Memorable among the unusual events of the recent U. S. Championship Tournament was the generous gift of Mr. Tadao Atarashi, President of Cherry Co. Ltd. Handa Aichi, Japan, of ten chess kits as prizes for the tournament. The offer was made through Japan's National Chess Champion, Nobuhiko Sakaguchi of Tokyo as a gesture of amity and friendship from Japan to America.

Arriving in time for exhibition before the tournament ended, the sets created quite a sensation. They were all hand-carved, made from various Japanese woods and roots, and each came in a beautiful hand-carved case. Those who won them as prizes were the envy of the other players in the tournament.

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

(Leading Scores)

Weaver W. Adams	6-1
Frederic B. Daly	5-2
John Curdo	5-2
Dr. S. Putzman	5-2
James Bolton	5-2
Orlando A. Lester, Jr.	5-2

CALIFORNIA OPEN

Jim Cross (Glendale)	6½-3
A. J. Fink (San Francisco)	6½-1½
N. Falconer (Berkeley)	5½-1½
Ray Martin (Los Angeles)	5-2
Wade Hendricks (Santa Cruz)	5-2
Adolph Weiss (Hollywood)	4½-2½
William Adams (San Jose)	4½-2½
Hap Hazard (Culver City)	4½-2½
F. Croft (San Jose)	4½-2½
P. Quillen (Glendale)	4½-2½
J. Nedham (Hayward)	4½-2½
Geo. Gray (Los Angeles)	4-3
P. Allinger (Oakland)	4-3
Dan Neilson (Hayward)	4-3
George Oakes (Salinas)	4-3
Geo. Stevens (Santa Monica)	4-3
R. Potter (Dallas, Tex.)	3½-3½
R. Upham (San Rafael)	3½-3½
Paul Lynch (Hayward)	3½-3½
C. Svaberg (San Francisco)	3½-3½
Levy Johnson (Los Angeles)	3-4
C. Henderson (Los Angeles)	3-4
I. Daugherty (San Jose)	3-4
W. Steckel (Los Angeles)	3-4
S. Schiller (Oakland)	3-4
S. Paulsen (Fresno)	3-4
P. Petersen (Lomita)	3-4
V. Radnikin, Jr. (San Francisco)	2½-4½
J. M. Malig (San Jose)	2½-4½
B. C. Jenkins (Santa Rosa)	2½-4½
K. Chambers (Paso Robles)	2-5
M. Radnikin, Sr. (San Francisco)	2-5
Mrs. L. Henderson (Los Angeles)	1-6
*C. W. Bird (Fresno)	1½-5½
*A. Spiller (Los Angeles)	1½-5½
*W. McGowan (San Francisco)	1-6

*Withdrawn before end of tourney.

EDISON CHESS HOLDS ELECTION

At the annual meeting of the Edison Chess and Checker Club (Detroit) H. Douglas Lewis was elected president, Abra O. Mason vice-president, Edward I. Treend secretary, and Richard F. Mahon treasurer. A member of the club, James R. Watson, is serving his third successive term as USCF director from Michigan; and secretary Treend of the Edison Club is also USCF secretary.

OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Player	Score by rounds	Total
Elliot Stearns	1 1 1 1 1	5½-1
Ray Sachs	1 1 1 1 1	4½-1
Peter J. Seitz	1 1 1 0 1	4½-1
Henry W. Schuer	1 0 1 1 1	4½-1
P. W. Stephens	1 1 1 0 1	4½-1
Walter Mann	1 0 1 1 0	4-3
W. Summers	1 1 0 1 1	4-2
John Meller	1 1 0 1 0	4-2
Ernie Slater	1 0 1 1 0	3½-2
Leo Sweet	1 1 1 0 x	3½-2
William Grange	1 1 1 1 0	3½-2
Henry Greu	1 0 1 1 0	3½-2
Tom Ellison	0 1 1 1 0	3-3
Francis Cole	0 1 1 1 0	3-3
J. Goodman	0 1 0 1 1	3-3
Jim Harkins	1 1 0 1 1	3-3
Lawrence Jackson	0 1 0 1 1	3-3
Dr. C. D. King	0 1 0 1 1	3-3
A. Plueddemann	1 0 0 1 1	3-3
A. S. Seidrecht	0 1 1 0 1	3-3
Paul Bacho	0 1 1 0 1	2½-3
Carl Driscoll	0 1 1 0 0	2½-3
Thomas Kelly	1 1 0 1 0	2½-3
James Schroeder	1 1 0 1 0	2½-3
M. Antunovich	1 0 0 1 1	2-4
Prof. Roberts	0 0 1 1 0	2-4
Ernest Somo	1 0 0 x x	2-4
Jos. Terrible	0 0 0 1 1	2-4
J. Whitthoff	0 0 1 0 1	2-4
S. L. Trumell	0 1 0 0 0	1½-4
Blackburn	0 1 0 0 0	1-5
Huntzinger	0 0 0 0 1	1-5
I. F. Swartz	0 0 1 0 0	1-5

OHIO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Players	Score by rounds	Total
Myron Frederic	1 1 1 1 1	5-1
Karl Demison	0 1 1 1 1	4½-1
Fleet	1 0 0 1 0	2-4
Ted Miller	0 0 1 0 0	1-5

OHIO

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	Score
Mrs. I. F. Swartz	1 bye 0 1 1 bye 3-1
Mrs. Kimb	bye 1 1 bye 0 0 2-2
Mrs. C. Jones	0 0 bye 0 bye 1 1-3

REINHART WINS 1st PEORIA RAPID

The first Lightning Tournament held in Peoria resulted in the victory of J. V. Reinhart, with Lybarger second, Hodge third and Darnell fourth as a result of a playoff for the first and third places. The tournament was held at the Hiram Walker club rooms where the Peoria Chess Association and Peoria YMCA Chess and Checker Club were the guests of Hiram Walker as the opening of the fall chess season. The lightning tourney was preceded by movie presented by Hiram Walker.

Peoria Lightning Tourney	Finals
Reinhart	W3 L2 W4 2-1
Lybarger	W1 W4 L3 2-1
Hodge	L4 L1 W3 1-2
Darnell	W3 L2 L1 1-2

Preliminaries	Score
Reinhart	W6 W4 W2 W5 W3 5-0
Hartwig	W5 L4 L6 L3 L1 1-4
Judd	L2 L6 L5 L4 L1 0-5
Bell	L5 L1 L6 W2 W3 2-3
Arnold	W3 W2 W3 L1 L6 2-3
Shipman	L3 W5 W3 W4 W2 4-1
Lybarger	W9 W12 W1 W10 5-0
Dudley	W10 W11 L7 W12 W9 4-1
Rhoades	W17 W10 L11 L8 W12 2-3
Kasper	L8 L9 W12 W11 L7 2-3
McHugh	W12 L8 W9 L10 L7 2-3
Parks	L11 L7 L10 L8 L9 0-5
Darnell	W5 W17 W18 W14 W16 5-0
Uhl	L16 L18 L17 L13 L15 0-5
Shanahan	L13 L16 W17 L18 W14 2-3
McMann	W14 W15 W17 L13 L18 3-2
Behrens	L18 L13 W14 L16 L15 1-4
O'Russa	W17 W14 L13 W15 W16 4-1
Lyon	W39 W21 W22 L24 L22 2-2
Hodge	L19 W23 W21 W22 W24 4-1
Eck	L22 L19 L20 L24 L23 0-5
Cramer	W21 D24 L20 W19 W23 3½-1½
Miller	L24 L20 L19 W21 L22 1-4
Cleaver	W23 D22 W21 W19 L20 3½-1½

MARSHALL HAILS THE CONQUERORS

On September 23 the Marshall Chess Club of New York greeted the fall chess season with a gala intra-club match, held in honor of Co-Champions Mrs. Gisela Kahn Gresser and Miss N. May Karfi who tied for honors as U. S. Women Champions, and Club Champion Larry Evans, just returned from winning the New York State title at Endicott.

Tuesday, October 5, 1948

IRREGULAR OPENING

U. S. Junior Championship

Oak Ridge, 1948

Notes by Dr. Max Herzberger

H. BERLINER White H. MILLER Black

1. P-Q4 P-Q3 6. B-B4 Kt-K3
2. P-K4 Kt-K3 7. B-K2 P-QP
3. P-KB4 P-K4 8. QxP B-K3
4. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3 9. Q-Q3
5. Kt-B3 K-Q2

White has by far the easier game. Black is for behind in development. This move is directed against Black's P-QB2-4-5 (Noah's Ark trap).

9. 0-0 12. B-K3 Kt-B4
10. 0-0 P-Q4 13. K-Q2 P-QB3
11. P-K5 Kt-Q2 14. Kt-Q4 P-K3

Unfortunately there is no other way to develop the Black B Black's opening strategy has been refuted. Now White forces new weakness on Black's Q-side.

15. P-QR4 P-QR4 19. P-B3 Q-K3
16. B-Q2 Kt(3)-Q2 20. 0-0 B-QB4
17. Kt(3)-K2 Kt-K5 21. B-QB2 B-KK15
18. Q-K1 Q-K15

By a series of clever moves Black has obtained counterplay. White defends carefully, keeping his attacking threats.

22. B-Q3 QxKt 23. Bx8 P-K14
24. Kt-K1 Q-K15 25. Bx8 QxQ
25. BxP BxP 26. PxB QxQ

After 26. QxQ MILLER



BERLINER
White seems to lose at least the exchange but he remembers a combination played by Boden against Schindler more than 100 years ago. A beautiful game.
27. P-K6 PxP 28. QxP ch! Resigns

RUY LOPEZ

U. S. Open Championship

Baltimore, 1948

Notes by Edw. J. Korpany

White SHIPMAN Black M. PAVEY

1. P-K4 P-K4 7. B-Kt2 P-QEY
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 8. PxP P-K3
3. B-K5 P-QR3 9. P-B3 B-QB4
4. B-R4 Kt-B3 10. 0-0-0 0-0
5. 0-0 Kt-K1 11. B-B2 P-B4
6. P-Q4 P-Kt4 12. Kt-K3

Chooses a continuation that appears weaker than 12. PxP e.p., Kt-P. Black's KBP is likely to be dangerous later.

12. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 14. Kt-K1 BxKt
13. Kt-K1 Kt-K1 15. PxB P-B5
There goes that P, holding back White's QB. If it does nothing else, it gives Black the initiative.

16. P-B3 Kt-K16
Up to this point the game, with slight variations, is a duplicate of one played in St. Petersburg in 1909. White dare not play 17. P-K1 without subjecting himself to a dangerous attack which may be parried only with very careful play. For instance: 17. P-K1, PxP; 18. Q-Q3 (hoping to exchange Qs if Black should play 18. Q-R5), Q-R5; 19. Qx5, R-Q3; 20. BxR, Q-R5; 21. B-R5, after which Black has the choice of: 1. QxP ch; 2. R-R1, QxP and still holding the initiative or 2. P-K1, P-KK14 intending to continue with P-K1 and P-KK15. In the latter case we suggest for White 21. P-K14; 22. P-K6, R-K1; 23. BxKtP, QxR; 25. P-B4.

White here follows in the footsteps of his superior.

17. Q-R5 18. B-Q2 P-QR4
At first glance this may look out of place. But his intention is to get his QK over to the K-side via QR3 and at the same time covering his K3 to release his B for action. White has to be careful for danger is nigh.

19. R-QB1 R-R3 21. BxRP
20. B-Q3 B-B4
Black threatened 21. QxRP ch; 22. KxQ, R-R3 ch; 23. R-K1, R-R3 mate. White decides to get rid of the dangerous P and possibly the R to avoid any such possibilities.

21. Kt-R8
After 21. Kt-R8!

PAVEY

Probably a surprise to White. Black has the satisfaction of knowing that only the K can take this R and therefore concentrates on that point.

22. R(2)-B2 Bx8 25. P-KR3 Q-K16
23. Qx8 R-R3 26. R-KB1 P-B3
24. KxKt R-R3

There isn't much to gain from attacking just now, so he consolidates his P position. If

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BISHOP'S OPENING

Correspondence Chess
CCLA Ninth Grand National

Notes by Dr. J. Platz

White H. T. VAN PATTEN Black A. C. POWERS

1. P-K4 P-K4 6. KPxP KPxP
2. B-B4 Kt-K3 7. Q-K2 ch B-K2
3. P-Q3 B-B3 8. BxP O-O
4. Kt-QB3 P-B3 9. BxKt? O-O
5. P-B4 P-Q4

To give up this B for a Kt which hasn't even moved is a severe mistake. 9. O-O-O was not bad.

9. QxR8 10. K-Q2
Instead 10. O-O-O was still better.
11. B-K3 R-K1 12. Kt-KB3?

Here 12. R-K1 was necessary.
13. Q-KB1 B-K6 ch
14. Kt-K1 R-K1? 14. K-K2?

15. Q-K1 BxQKt 20. K-Q1 P-Q5
16. K-Q2 BxR 21. QxP QR-Q1
17. Qx8 B-K3 22. Q-K2 Bx8
18. P-KR3 Q-K2 23. PxB B-K4
19. Kt(QB3)-K2 Q-R4 ch 24. Kt-B1 Kt-B1

After 25. K-B1 POWERS

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TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

Northern California vs.
Southern California

Team Match, Atascadero, 1948

Notes by J. B. Gee

White J. B. GEE Black M. GORDON

(Northern Calif.) (Southern Calif.)

1. P-K4 P-K4 4. Kt-K15 P-Q4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. PxP Kt-QR4
3. B-B4 Kt-B3 6. B-K15 ch B-Q2

A new move to me, and there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with it. If 7. Bx8 ch, Qx8 and Black is better developed.

7. Q-K2
Now if 7. Bx8; 8. Qx8 ch, P-B3; 9. PxP; 10. QxP ch, and if 9. Kt-P3; 10. Q-K1P.

8. Kt-QB3 0-0
So I can later play P-Q3 without worrying about the B. Also, there is no place for retreat with it.

9. Qx8 11. P-Q3 Kt-K12
10. 0-0 P-QK13
Black's game is very solid. I knew he was heading for my K-side, but couldn't stop him!

12. Kt(5)-K4
Bringing the Kt to B3 instead would leave a very weak K4, and Black could line his R's on it immediately.

13. P-Kt1 P-KB4
If 14. P-B3, P-B5; and I could see my K getting slowly choked.

14. Q-K4 17. Kt-K15 P-QR3
15. Q-K4 R-Q4 18. Kt-B3 Kt-K1
16. B-K3 R-B3 19. Q-Q3 R-K13

19. P-K5 is better. Black gets a good attack. I.e.: 20. Q-Q2, QxR-KB1; 21. QR-K1, Kt-B3 ch; 22. Kt-K15, R-KB1.

20. P-KB3 R-KB1
Threatens RxP, of course.

21. B-Q2 Kt-B4 23. QR-KB1 RxBP
22. R-B2 Kt-R5
After 23. RxBP

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now have played simply 20. P-KR12, QxR, RxP ch; 29. Q-R2, R-Q ch; 30. R-K4, Q-B5 and Black has the edge in a long struggle.

27. R(1)-B2
A good move allowing another good one for White.

27. R(1)-B2
Not this! 28. Q-B1 is the move here. The move here is fatal.

28. RxP ch 30. R-R2 Q-K5 ch
29. PxR RxP ch 31. Kt-K12 R-K16
Resigns

For if 31. Kt-K12, R-K16 mate.

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8. Q-K3
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9. P-KB4 Kt-R3 13. P-B3 PxP
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Black has developed simply but powerfully, and even at this early stage it is difficult to find a good continuation for White. Perhaps 13. QR-B1 might be tried, but it is not the kind of move that fits in with Adams' aggressive style.

15. P-KR3 R-B7 17. Q-KB3 RxB!
16. K-Q1 Kt-KB4
Dangerous though this capture appears, it is quite feasible because of the threat of 17. RxB.

18. Kt-K1 Q-B5 19. B-B3 R-K17!
Resigns

After 19. R-K17!

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BANK EXHIBIT SELLS CHESS

BATTLE CREEK SELLS CHESS WITH UNUSUAL DISPLAY

*Security National Bank Cooperates
With Battle Creek Chess Club*

Selling chess to the general public by visual display, the alert Battle Creek Chess Club and the Security National Bank of that city combined resources in a very effective display in the lobby of the bank.

The display was the joint creation of Robert Hunkins of the bank (in charge of the lobby displays) and of Howard Rider and Reuben Buskager of the Battle Creek Chess Club. For the period of two weeks it was a continuous feature in the bank and attracted much attention, while creating a great deal of interest among non-chess players.

Features of the display were a jade chess set from Peiping and a bone set from Hong Kong, both hand carved. A magnetic set (loaned by USCF Secretary Trend) attracted considerable attention as its pieces defied daily the laws of gravity. Other interesting items included a hand-carved Mexican set and a hand-carved German set. In the background large chess figures (gifts of Julius Ross, manager of the Nobil's Shoe Store) focussed attention on the display.

The Security National Bank advertised the chess display in the local press and during the course of the exhibit Mr. Edward I. Trend and Mr. Reuben Buskager were interviewed in a fifteen minute broadcast over WBCK by announcer Don Quinn, who became so interested in the subject that he asked for lessons after the broadcast was over, and is now becoming a very proficient player under the tutelage of Reuben Buskager.

Effectiveness of the display was proven conclusively by the number of non-players who evinced interest in learning the game; and the Battle Creek Chess Club in cooperation with the YMCA is offering lessons to those whose interest was aroused.

At the YMCA a chess club of young boys is already active under the direction of Boys Work Secretary Thomas Best, and at the YMCA Summer Day Camp about thirty boys were added to the chess playing group through instructions at the camp.

THOMPSON TAKES SO. WEST OPEN

In the annual Southwestern Open Championship at San Antonio, J. C. Thompson (Grand Prairie, Tex.) captured the title with 6-1, in a field of sixty-six entrants.

Second place went to CHESS LIFE annotator Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa) with 6-1, and third place to R. L. Garver (Tulsa) with 6-1 on weighted scores. Fourth place was taken by Al Lipton (Dallas) with 5½-1½.

In the Women's Championship Mrs. Maxine Cutlip (Wewoka, Okla.) won first place with 6-0, and Mrs. J. C. Barnett (Houston) was second with 4-2. There were four entries.

At the annual meeting of the Southwestern Chess Association, Dr. Bela Rozsa (Tulsa) was elected president, A. G. Miller (Tulsa) 1st vice-president, Frank H. Graves (Ft. Worth) 2nd vice-president, and J. C. Thompson (Grand Prairie) secretary-treasurer.

MINNESOTA TRIMS WISCONSIN TEAM

In the annual Minnesota-Wisconsin team match, held at LaCrosse, the Minnesota steam-roller flattened out its Wisconsin rivals by a score of 21-7. George Barnes and Dr. G. A. Koelsche headed the Minnesota aggregation, while Richard Kujoth and Averill Powers led the Wisconsin team.

Wisconsin	Minnesota
R. Kujoth 0	Geo. Barnes 1
Averill Powers 1	Dr. G. A. Koelsche 0
R. Schmidt 0	Robert Ott 1
Paul Lieke 0	Carl Diegel 1
F. Prilling 0	K. N. Pederson 1
Hugh Gauper 1	R. C. Beito 0
Piechke 0	Orin Oulman 1
Shogren 0	M. Otteson 1
Roger Haines 0	H. Fruetman 1
Morford 0	C. H. Simmer 1
Fritzvold 0	K. N. Pederson 1
Richards 0	S. Sorenson 1
S. Morford 0	Peter Gantreis 1
Moser 0	W. E. Kaiser 1
Alexander 0	Stam McMahon 1
Adams 1	Lloyd Kile 1
Adgarnian 1	H. H. McCree 1
Lunde 0	H. G. Johnson 1
Weidner 0	E. C. Johnson 1
H. C. Zierke 0	U. S. Smith 1
Mack 0	Sheldon Rein 1
Schuman 0	M. Janowitz 1
Meier 0	Bruce Church 0
Hurley 1	J. A. Baker 0
Schultz 1	E. T. Baldwin 0
Scheitz 0	T. Jorgensen 1
Steckler 0	E. Mehl 1
Alberty 1	Mac Manigal 1
Wisconsin 7	Minnesota 21

FAUCHER WINS IN NEW JERSEY

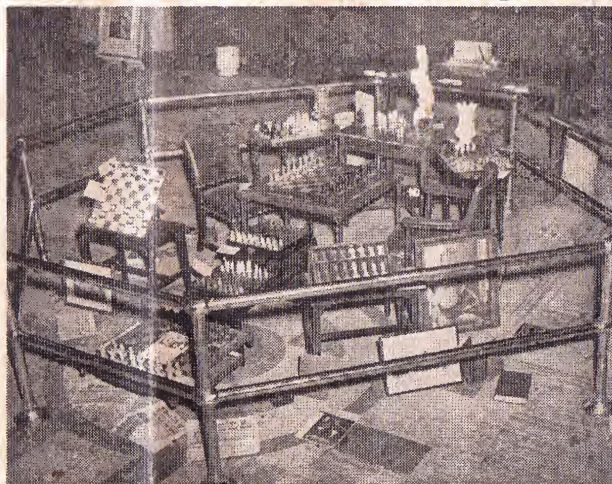
Seven players competed in the finals of the New Jersey State Championship which ended in a triple tie between Joseph Faucher (1947 Co-Champion), Homer Jones (1948 Co-Champion of North Jersey) and Albert Saxer. In the play-off Joseph Faucher captured the title by virtue of victories over both Jones and Saxer.

The tournament was played in two weekend rounds, the first at the home of Edgar McCormick at East Orange, the second at the headquarters of the Log Cabin Chess Club in West Orange. Vincent L. Starke, assisted by Henry E. Blankarn, acted as tournament director.

TEXAS CHESS ASSN. CONSIDERS NCCP

At the annual meeting of the Texas Chess Association at San Antonio, it moved to appoint a special committee to consider the National Chess Coordination Plan of the United States Chess Federation.

Mr. Frank R. Graves of Fort Worth was appointed chairman of the committee.



BATTLE CREEK SELLS CHESS

Display in the lobby of the Security National Bank of Battle Creek, which attracted many new players to the ranks of the Battle Creek Chess Club.

Add Chess To Hazards Of Reporting Says Les Nichols of Mutual Staff

Les Nichols, Mutual's United Nations correspondent, currently substituting for the ailing Henry La Cossitt on "The Editor's Diary" program (week-days, 9 to 9:15 a.m., EDT), has a penchant against chess. And, during a recent broadcast, Les told why. It seemed that ten years ago, when he was in Transjordan as a foreign correspondent, a story "broke" that required an interview with the usually reticent King Abdullah, the Arab leader now fronting his own troops in Jerusalem. Friends and American diplomatic officials advised Les that chess was the King's pet hobby game. Nichols, at that time, didn't know a pawn or rook from a castle. So, for two solid days Les Nichols took chess lessons.

Came the fateful interview day. Nichols was ushered into the royal presence. After the formal amenities, there was a brief pause broken finally by the King asking, in perfect English: "Mr. Nichols, do you play chess?" Quickly Nichols replied: "Certainly, your Majesty!" In recounting the story during his broadcast, the Mutual correspondent added: "I thought I could play

by then. But King Abdullah was a whiz. Anyway, during the course of the game his reticence disappeared—and he talked. I got my story all right. But I nearly lost my shirt. He was giving me a sound trimming. I was having a device of a time keeping up with him on the chess-board, until, fortunately, a servant entered to announce dinner. Was I happy to see him!"

DAKE CONQUERS IN OREGON OPEN

Coming out of retirement, Arthur Dake won the Oregon Open Championship without loss of a game for a score of 6-0. Second was Jim Schmitt (victor in the recent Puget Sound Open) with a score of 4½-1½, drawing with Noland in addition to his loss to Dake.

Ten players competed in the six round Swiss, played at the Portland Chess Club.

JERSEY CITY Y VISITS VETERANS

Members of the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club visited the Haloran Hospital, Nathaniel Cohan and William Walbrecht specialized in teaching beginners, while Philip Page, Alexander Strolin and Paul Helbig played the more advanced players. Despite competition of radio stars, the visit was such a success that a regular schedule of visits is planned.

OHMAN WINS MEMORIAL MEET

Victory in the Axel C. R. Swenson Memorial Tournament held at the Omaha YMCA went to Howard E. Ohman, former State Champion, with a score of 4½-1. Close on his heels was State Champion Lee T. Magee with 4-1 in the five round Swiss tourney with 14 entrants. Third place went to Alfred C. Ludwig, former State Champion, with 3½-1½.

Ohman's draw was against Jack L. Spence who finished fourth with 3-2, while the victor had the satisfaction of defeating both Magee and Ludwig. Magee's only loss was to Ohman, while Ludwig drew with David Ackerman in addition to losing his game to Ohman.

LOUISVILLE HAS SCHOOL OF CHESS

The Louisville Chess Club is holding for eight weeks a school of chess on Monday nights at the YMCA. Classes of beginners will receive instruction from various members of the club, and the graduation exercises will consist of a simultaneous exhibition by either Kentucky Champion Richard W. Shields or Former State Champion Jack Moysse.

CHICAGO LEAGUE BEGINS SEASON

The Greater Chicago Chess League inaugurated its annual team competition on October 8th in a double round-robin which will extend until March 18, 1949. Other events planned by the League are a team 10-second tourney on December 17 and a 10-second Chicago Area Championship on April 1, 1949. All clubs participating in the League are USCF Chapters.

Officers elected at the annual meeting were H. Newell president, F. Stoppel vice-president, and Paul Adams secretary-treasurer.

The Kibitzer Has His Day From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

CHESS LIFE with Dr. Keeney's column is a real chess paper.

I wish J. Mc. of Janesville, Wis., who made the funny remark of "fanatical problemists", would read Dr. Keeney's column and solve a few two-movers; his chess playing would improve. I know it, because I played a postal chess game with him.

P. PALAZZO,
Lorain, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am asking you to uphold the "Problem Chat" space and not allow the game fans to have it all. We problem lovers are entitled to our share and we all consider CHESS LIFE as being the BEST periodical in our U.S.A.

T. LUNDBERG
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

In the September 5 issue Dr. P. G. Keeney, editor of CHESS LIFE's problem department undertakes to reply, (to the letter by Jack McCarthy of Janesville, Wis., Editor) I say "undertakes" because frankly I don't think he replied at all. McCarthy's point was that (in his opinion) chess problems took too much space. Dr. Keeney's reply was entitled "A Plea for Harmony" and urged chess players interested in one type of chess not to criticize those who liked another type. He did not undertake to reply to McCarthy's charge, merely urging that we chess players have peace among ourselves. I, for one, was unaware that McCarthy had declared war on problemists. Surely as a chess player he has a right to (Please turn to page 3, col. 5)

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L. WALTER STEPHENS

After a brief illness, L. Walter Stephens passed away on September 30th at St. Luke's Hospital in New York at the age of 63. For many years a vice-president of the United States Chess Federation, and for ten years secretary of the Manhattan Chess Club, Walter Stephens was a familiar figure in the chess world of New York. In a long career of chess activity, he directed many of the USCF Tournaments in New York and was himself a frequent contender in many championship events.

Ordained as a Presbyterian clergyman, Mr. Stephens was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Oceanside, L.I. for two years before he took up teaching as a profession. For thirty years he was on the faculty of the Stuyvesant High School and later the High School of Economics before retiring two years ago. This service was interrupted during the First World War, when Mr. Stephens served as a chaplain and athletic director for the YMCA at Camp Mills.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Maude M. Paulson Stephens, secretary of the Manhattan Chess Club, two sons, Clinton and Warren, a sister and three brothers. To all of these we extend the sincere sympathy of American chess players.

FOR THE RECORD ONLY

Relatedly from several odd sources CHESS LIFE has gleaned the following brief report on results in various "Isolationist" tournaments. Were the Editor to suit his own fancy, he would omit all mention of these events, believing that a tournament only merits the publicity that its own alert and intelligent managing earns. But it must be recognized that titles should be placed in record for the convenience of future (possible?) historians.

With this in mind, we note that J. C. Thompson, Dr. Bela Rozsa and R. L. Garver tied in the Southwestern Open at San Antonio with 6-1 each. Under tie breaking rules they finished in the above order, with Al Lipton fourth with a 5½-1½ score. Mrs. Maxine Cutlip won the Woman's Championship, with Mrs. J. C. Barnett second.

In Georgia A. C. Davis captured the title with 5-1. E. J. Opsahl was second with 4½-1½, William C. Adickes third with 4½-1½, and Paul L. Cromelin fourth with 4-2.

In Virginia Russell Chanvenet won the title with 5½-1½. R. M. Blaine was second with 5-2. A. T. Henderson, J. Holladay and J. Palmer tied with 3½-3½ for third.

There was no surprise evinced in the fact that Arthur W. Dake swept the Oregon State Championship with 6-0. Jim Schmitt was second with 4½-1½, and George Reddington third, with 4-2.

The Indianapolis Summer Open Tournament was won by former State Champion John Van Benton with 4½-½. Second place was a tie between Robert Meredith and H. O. Peterson with 4-1 each.

If we have omitted any other events in this brief list, the Editor refuses to shed tears over their neglected graves.

Montgomery Major

From the USCF Club Manual

Conducted by Gene Collett

There Are Many Kinds of Tourneys

If a chess club has several end game or problem enthusiasts, an occasional solving tournament may not be amiss and may even arouse interest among other players, says an article in the forthcoming USCF Club Manual.

Here are some suggestions for holding such an event:



Gene Collett

Fix a time limit for solutions, say about two hours. Place a number of end games or problems on a blackboard or hand them to the players in mimeographed form. Contestants are permitted to use board and men, if they desire.

For the first contest, it is better to allow the players to work on two or three easy two-movers, or simple end games. If the members want a second event, their remarks likely will indicate whether your first group of puzzlers was too easy or too tough.

The first player to submit correct solutions for all the problems is the winner. If no one completes them all by the end of the time limit, the person with the best set of solutions at the end of the meet is declared winner. Usually two points are awarded for the solution of a two-move problem, three points for a three-mover.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

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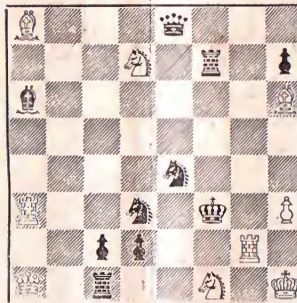
Problem No. 49

By Burney M. Marshall

Shreveport, La.

Composed for Chess Life

Black: 10 men



White: 9 men
R3a3, S3f1p, b6b, 8,
4+3, R2a1K1P, 2p2P1, Q1r2SK
White mates in two moves

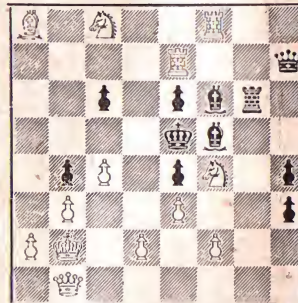
Problem No. 50

By Dr. P. G. Keeney

Newport, Ky.

First Publication

Black: 11 men



White: 13 men
R1S2R2, 4k2Q, 2p1P1, 4k2,
1p1P1S1P, 1P2P2P, PK1P1P2, 1Q6
White mates in three moves

Problem No. 49 is by my old and esteemed Shreveport, La., friend who many times and oft contributed his interesting problems to the Cincinnati Enquirer when I was Chess Editor of that newspaper. There is little variety in Problem No. 49 but there are a couple of pleasing unpin defenses against the threat. The position is lacking in economy and is marred somewhat by duals. My friend Marshall has composed many problems that are better than this one.

Problem No. 50 by the Problem Editor of CHESS LIFE was entered by the P. E. in a composing contest a couple of years ago and was not accorded any recognition by the problem judges. (And I do mean Mott-Smith and K. Howard.) To my way of thinking, despite its cumbersome appearance, this composition is full of meaty and subtle strategy and was a far superior composition to several awarded honors by the eminent judges. (And I do mean Mott-Smith and K. Howard.)

The composition according to my way of thinking (and why shouldn't I think well of my own creation) has a good key and exhibits some rather unusual strategical play.

I admit the position is cumbersome and rather ugly in appearance but it has a good key, an excellent close try and some rather surprising and interesting mates. I thought well of it (and still do). The judges (and I do mean Mott-Smith and K. Howard), I believe discarded it without sufficient consideration to an "also ran" position in the tourney in which it was entered.

Despite the rebuff of the judges (and I do mean Mott-Smith and K. Howard), I still consider this composition far superior to many of the problems accorded honors by the eminent judges. (And I do mean Mott-Smith and K. Howard.) All of which proves the contention of Eric Hassberg, published a few issues ago: "problem judges are largely influenced by their likes and dislikes more than by the actual merits of the problem, judged from an unprejudiced and disinterested standpoint." Hassberg didn't state this in those words, but that is what he actually meant.

Synthetic Problem No. 1

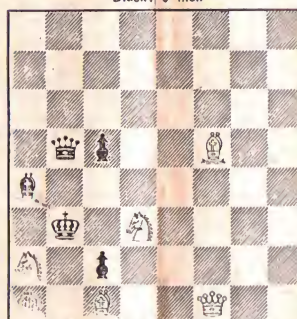
Synthetic Problem No. 1

Model Setting, Version 1

By Dr. P. G. Keeney

Newport, Ky.

Black: 5 men



White: 6 men
8, 8, 8, 1p2P2, 1Q7,
1K1S4, S1p5, K1B5Q2
White mates in two moves

Synthetic Problem No. 1

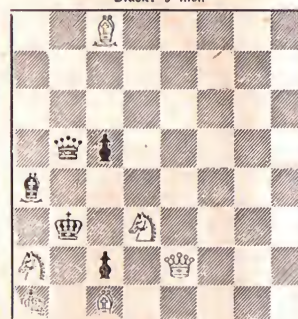
Synthetic Problem No. 1

Version 2

By Dr. P. G. Keeney

Newport, Ky.

Black: 5 men



White: 6 men
2B5, 8, 8, 1p5, 1Q7,
1K1S4, S1p1Q5, K1B5
White mates in two moves

Conditions for the construction of Synthetic Problem No. 1 required that White mate in two moves with a key of B-QKt2 that would not deprive the Black K of a flight square and evolve the following lines of play without duals in the variations given:

1., P-B3(Q, R, B or Kt); 2. KtxQ, R, B or Kt. 1., K-QB5; 2. B-K6. 1., QxKt; 2. QxQ.

The pieces to be employed in the construction:

WHITE: King, Queen, Rook, Bishop, Knight, Pawn
BLACK: King, Queen, Rook, Bishop, Knight, Pawn

Discussion:

In both versions shown above the position of all the Black pieces and all the White pieces with the exception of White's Q and KB are absolutely fixed. Version 1 is the ideal setting as all pieces to fulfill the requirements must stand as shown on the diagram. Version 2 is however another possible setting. In this version however the White KB could be placed on KR3, KKt4 as well as QB8. If it were placed on KB5 there would be a dual following 1., K-B5 by 2. Q or B-K6 mate. If it were placed on Q7 there would be a cook by 1. BxQ.

As to the White Kt on QR2, where else could it be located to fulfill the conditions laid down? If it were placed on QR6 or QB6 it could be captured by the Black Q and the problem would have no solution. If placed on Q5 the White B would be unable to mate on K6 following 1., K-QB5. As to the key piece, if the White B located on QB1 were (Please turn to page 4, col. 1)

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

TOURNAMENT NOTES: After Summer cometh the Fall, and tournament season is with us once again! First among the many events in the offing is the championship of the rapidly-growing Brooklyn Chess Club. The line-up includes club champion Jack Collins and Moe Osher, last year's surprise runner-up. Important additions to the hopefuls this year are Dr. Harold Sussman, who led the Brooklyn College team to two championships a dozen years ago, and Dr. Bernard Winkler, one-time captain of the Columbia College squad.

Meanwhile, the finals of the Marshall Chess Club's event are ready to begin, with Seidman, champion Larry Evans, Santasiere, Mengarini and Rehberg among the seeded competitors. In addition, the qualifying preliminaries have added such fine players as Harry Fajans, Joseph Richman, Elliot Hurst and Kiven Plesset to the field. The Marshall Chess Club is finally attaining a semblance of its former strength, a fitting pay-off to its policy of supporting the development of young players.

Arthur Bisguier is expected to defend his Manhattan Chess Club title in the event to begin shortly. The national junior champion will face one of the usual master fields which has made this tournament a major national event for decades. Young George Kramer ranks as a major threat, of course.

The College Team Tournament this Christmas (December 26-30) will see the strongest competition in ten years. Favored to win, and for the first time, is the crack Yale team headed by intercollegiate champ Robert Byrne and his talented younger brother, Donald.

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SPEED TITLE TO ANDERSON

C. C. L. A. OFFERS INTERNATION PLAY

Correspondence chess players yearning for that foreign flavor to their games now may sign up with the Correspondence Chess League of America, International Chess Department, for games in Europe, Central and South America. Through the CCLA affiliation with the International Correspondence Chess Ass'n and the American Postal Chess Brotherhood, the CCLA can now offer players as many games as they choose with players of approximately their own skill in almost every country where chess is played by mail.

Each group will consist of seven players with the six opponents in the country specified, play will be one round, one game against each, and the entry fee \$1.00 per group. Entry fee should be sent to CCLA Sec'y Dick Rees, 2826 Correctionville Road, Sioux City 19, Iowa; and entry should specify 1) whether you prefer airmail @ 10c or regular mail @ 35c, 2) opponents in Europe, Central and South America, or other countries, 3) data on languages, hobbies and profession, etc.

LOG CABIN CHES TOPS THE DIVAN

With inhospitable ferocity the Log Cabin (West Orange) Chess Club assailed its guests, the Washington Chess Divan, in an eight board match and defeated them by a score of 5-3. The last meeting in Washington between these clubs was a 7½-5½ victory for the Divan; and already a third and rubber match is being planned for a neutral location halfway between Washington and West Orange.

Washington Divan	Log Cabin Chess
Hans Berliner	A. Santasiere
D. H. Mugridge	Homer Jones
Oscar Shapiro	A. Rothman
C. A. Hesse	J. Faucher
G. S. Thomas	T. E. Knorr
W. Burke	A. Ambrogio
E. M. Knapp	A. Boczar
Washington 5	Log Cabin 3

SPARTANS BEST ROCK HILL CHES

The recently organized Spartanburg (S. C.) Chess Club rang up a victory in a double round match with the newly formed Rock Hill Chess Club by a score of 9-3. The match was sponsored by the Rock Hill Elks Club which not only honored the match but was host to both teams for a fine steak dinner. The Spartanburg Chess Club (Charter No. 187 in the USCF, has now held its official election, and Ephraim Solkoff was chosen president, Arthur W. Farrel secretary, and Karl Stamm treasurer.

Spartanburg	Rock Hill
K. Stamm	H. O. Motz
S. S. Hallman	J. Wise
J. Lucas	D. Brittain
E. Solkoff	R. Pearce
A. M. Leathew	R. Beyers
A. Prince	E. Gardner
K. Stamm	J. Wise
S. S. Hallman	H. O. Motz
J. Lucas	C. Pearce
E. Solkoff	D. Brittain
A. M. Leathew	E. Sitar
Mrs. E. Prince	R. Beyers
Spartanburg 9	Rock Hill 3

WHEELING HOLDS TRI-STATE MEET

The annual Tri-State Championship of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia will be held at the Mo-Lure Hotel in Wheeling (W. Va.). The 1945 tournament was won by Milton Q. Ellenby of Ohio, the 1947 by H. Landis Marks of West Virginia.

West Virginia will be represented by Co-Champions Dr. Siegfried Werthammer and John Hurt. It is expected that Paul Dietz and Herman Hesse will represent Pennsylvania, and Elliott Stearns and Ray Sachs, Ohio. A team tournament is proposed, and if plans go through for it, the Wheeling Chess Club has offered to provide a suitable trophy for the team match in addition to the trophy they are donating to the Tri-State Championship.

ORANGES HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

The Chess Club of the Oranges (N. J.) held its annual meeting in the club quarters in the Orange YMCA and elected the following officers for the coming season: J. Plunkett president, P. D. Kratz vice-president, C. A. Escoffery, secretary, C. Pennington treasurer, E. McCormick team captain, J. Calvo tournament director, and J. Tobler league representative.

During the season, the Chess Club of the Oranges issues a monthly bulletin covering its varied activities, which last year included winning the championship of the North Jersey League. This year it has again started off as a champion with a 5-0 victory over the Monroe Chess Club and a 5-1 victory over Jersey City Chess Club.

HUNTINGTON HAS JUNIOR CLUB

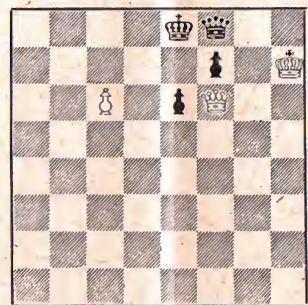
Sponsored by the Huntington, (W. Va.) YMCA, the Huntington Junior Chess Club has been organized with Dr. V. S. Hayward as senior advisor. Charles Morgan president, Jim Cappellari vice-president and treasurer. The club championship went to Jim Cappellari with a score of 6-2, Bill Adkins finished second with 5-3 and David Rodger third with 4-4. Instrumental in organizing the club were Dr. Hayward and Gene Thomas of the YMCA.

CHARLESTON CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Charleston (W. Va.) Chess Club elected Reid Holt president, Jesse Church secretary-treasurer, and William Hartling, Edwin Faust and Lynn Cavendish as executive committee in the annual meeting.

Chess is in full bloom in Charleston where the B'nai B'Rith organization is planning its own chess club, which would be a third member in the Kanawha Valley Chess League, now getting ready for its annual season.

Position No. 39
By Guilherme Groesser (Chicago)
Original



White To Play And Win!

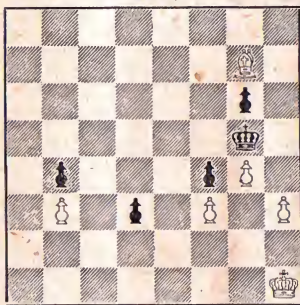
Conducted by William Rojam

Position No. 39 is once again a study in timing. To win, White must force a trade of Queens, but force that exchange at the proper moment in a manner that lures the Black King from his protective reach of the White Pawn on B6.

Position No. 40 is a curious study which demonstrates that the correct move on general theory is not always the correct move in practical application in a given situation. White's situation looks desperate, but to the brave all things are possible.

Solutions will be published in the December 5th issue.

Position No. 40
By Montgomery Major (Oak Park)
Original



ANDERSON WINS ONTARIO SPEED

Frank Anderson, Ontario Champion and Toronto City Champion, successfully defended his Ontario Rapid Transit Title in the annual tournament, held at the Queen City Chess Club, Toronto. The youthful Anderson, who tied in points with Bisguler for the U. S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge, captured his preliminary section with a 4-2 score. In the finals he tied with N. Williams with 1½-½ each, both defeating Meikle and drawing against each other. Anderson then won the playoff game to take the title.

A feature of the event was the use of the electric timer of Frank Hodges which was a great improvement over the old-fashioned calling out the time. Wallace Rockett acted as tournament director.

SHAFFER TAKES ILLINOIS TITLE

Tied with George Odell in the regular Illinois State Championship, Joseph Shaffer won clear right to the title in a playoff match at the Chess Club of Chicago with a score of 2½-1½. The margin of victory was close; the first three games ended in draws and the fourth game decided the title in twenty-seven moves.

NO. JERSEY TEAMS IN LEAGUE MATCH

First round of the North Jersey Chess League was off with flying colors for the winter season with all eight teams ready for action. In the first round Plainfield defeated Irvington-Polish 6-2; Elizabeth downed Union 8-0; Orange defeated Jersey City 5-1; and Belleville bested Kearny Progressive 4-2. By virtue of its whitewashing of Union, Elizabeth Chess leads the League with a perfect score, while the Chess Club of the Oranges is second.

KOLTANOWSKI CHES PUBLISHER

Georgé Koltanowski, blindfold wizard and popular simultaneous exhibitor, not to mention tournament director and contributing editor to CHES LIFE, has added to a many-sided career by becoming the publisher of the "California Chess News"—a monthly chess magazine in mimeographic form which covers all the events of California and the Pacific Coast in addition to general news of the chess world. Subscription price is \$2.00 per year, and Mr. Koltanowski may be addressed at P. O. Box 124, Santa Rosa, Calif.

CORONADO CHES EXTENDS WELCOME

The Coronado (Calif.) Chess Club, meeting Thursday evenings at the Library Park Club House has extended a cordial invitation to all visiting chess players. The Coronado Club celebrated the opening of the Fall season with a 6½-½ victory over the La Mesa Chess Club.

CLUBS TO PROFIT BY EUWE VISIT

Several clubs, alert to the advantage of a visit and exhibition by former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe, have taken quick action to stimulate enthusiasm in their own communities by inviting Dr. Euwe to visit. Foremost on the list was the Edison Chess Club of Detroit which promptly wrote for an engagement.

The datebook for Dr. Euwe still contains a few open days, however, and clubs can still make an engagement by writing Hans Kmoch, 630 W. 170th Street, New York 32, N.Y.

AUSTIN CHES ELECTS OFFICERS

Preparing for the Fall season and a hearty participation in the Greater Chicago Chess League, the Austin Chess and Checker Club (Chicago) held its annual meeting and laid plans for the coming season. Roy Gilbert was elected president, W. A. Norin 1st vice-president, Harold Dixon, 2nd Vice-president, C. H. Bounds secretary, Chas. Brokaski treasurer, and Bob Vogel property custodian. Putting the vice-presidents to work, Norin and Dixon will serve as publicity men for the club and Dixon will also supervise the checker activities. Chess Tournament director is Les Whitman and Team Captain is Ray Hildebrandt.

The Kibitzer Has His Day
From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

Congratulations, and most hearty ones, on your editorial Chessplay or Horseplay. Nothing that I have read in a long time has pleased me as much as your forthright statement of what has, to me, become a deplorable situation. May your term "Chess cheaters" gain universal acceptance—I even hope to see it in Webster's some day."

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, II,
Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

There won't be any harmony for CHES LIFE as long as the bee in our bonnet is around. (The problemists insisting they hang around and pester us, using up our precious space.) As McCarthy says: "Let the problemists hie themselves and get out a page of their own." They'll enjoy that

and we'll enjoy letting them.

I hope the readers in the next poll will vote intelligently on this question of whether we want a problem dept. or not. That is, nobody will want to vote for it if they just tolerate it. Also every CHES LIFE reader should vote. You can just bet problem fanatics will be out in force.

N. J. LUNDE,
Evansville, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Thanks for that editorial on chess publicity and the lack of it. The facts needed to be said just as forcefully as you said them. As the saying goes "You can't get something for nothing", and chess players not only have to do things that are newsworthy but see to it that editors are kept informed.

WILLIAM PLAMPIN
Washington, D. C.

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HEW TO THE LINE, LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

In another column we publish Mr. Richard W. Wayne's protest against charging the tournament director with any portion of the blame for the existing and increasing scandal of short draws by agreement. We would be happy to pass Mr. Wayne's comments without criticism, if he did not make the same error with which he charges the writer of these lines—the mistake of jumping to conclusions.

We take exception to the remark that "to place the blame for a thing of this kind in any way upon the Tournament Director is showing a complete lack of experience in the Tournament field."

In the first place, it is a specious argument. Our own naive stand is a belief that laws were written to be enforced. It is clearly a matter of record for some seventeen years that the short agreed draw is illegal (Laws of Chess 16, d). The duty of a tournament director is to enforce the laws. It is not his privilege to rewrite them for his own convenience because they happen to be awkward to enforce or because he believes them ill-advised.

Nor does the fact that a particular law has never been enforced in international tournaments hitherto excuse any tournament director on a moral basis for failure to enforce the written code. Because all his predecessors have been ignorant or lax does not excuse his own laxity.

Whether the particular law is a wise one, whether it can be evaded by the methods suggested in Mr. Wayne's letter is not a question. The only way to find out if the law is wise and if it can be successfully maintained remains the one untried method of enforcing it for a change. If the enforcement proves futile, then the law can be amended or repealed.

The Editor does not claim any pretentious reputation as a tournament director. But in the course of twenty years he has directed more than one of the Chicago City Tournaments, several State Tournaments, and had a hand in the directing of two National Open Tournaments. In addition he managed the Chicago City Chess League through eight fiery years of bitter rivalry between clubs in which more points of law, precedent and rules were raised and vehemently argued than the average tournament director would normally encounter in a lifetime. So, despite Mr. Wayne's doubts upon the subject, he feels adequately qualified to discuss matters of tournament direction now and in the future.

His position remains unskaken as his convictions: that the players who offer and accept short, unenthusiastic draws are "cheaters" depriving the other players in the tournament of their rightful expectation that each game be played with a will to win; that the tournament director who connives at this "cheating" by accepting such draws cannot escape his share of criticism for violating the Laws of Chess that he was appointed to uphold.

If Article 16, d. of the Laws of Chess (FIDE) upon an adequate trial proves impractical, let us repeal it. But while it remains in the statute book, let us be honest and law-abiding and enforce it.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Montgomery Major

SCHACHKUNST IN DER UDSSR von S. Sprecher; Vienna 1947

American Agent: A. Buschke (\$2.50)

An attractively designed and well-printed compilation of 51 games played by Russian masters 1933-1947, this book has several additional features which will make it invaluable to the serious student of chess who has a working knowledge of German. Among the more outstanding features is an excellent introductory article by the Russian master Grekov on the Russian school in chess, tracing its history from the earliest days down to the triumphs of Botvinnik, and a complete set of score tables on all the Soviet Chess Championship Tournaments since the first Olympics in Moscow in 1920, won by Alekhine—a set unavailable except in Russian publications.

The games in the book for the most part are not unknown, but they are wisely selected and are copiously and intelligently annotated in detail. Those interested in the comparison of ideas will find the contrast valuable in studying Keres' notes on his victory over Fine, Kan's notes on Smyslov's victory over Reshevsky, Konstantinopolski's annotations on the Smyslov-Denker game, Boleslavski's notes on his victory over Fine, etc. and contrasting the concepts of these Russian annotators with the various annotations in English on these same contests.

With usual German thoroughness, the book is studded with photographs of the various Russian masters.



Montgomery Major

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., New York, N.Y., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

Mr. Holladay, Charlottesville, Va., inspired and tickled by Mr. Korf's poetical offering in the August 20th issue of CHESS LIFE, wrote the following true and humorous ode, contributing it to this column. I am sure the poem will have particular appeal for problem composers. And I trust my readers will find humor in my comment that while this column is supposedly growing better with each issue, it is actually getting "verse" and "verse".

THE PROBLEM COMPOSER'S LAMENT

An idea comes, a budding thought
To dazzle the critic's eye;
So down I sit with board and men,
And minutes and hours fly.

Now how to keep this stupid pawn
From getting in the way?
And how to guard these two squares here
And not louse up the play?

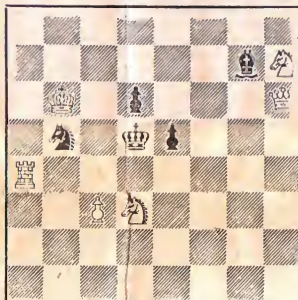
Most solvers like good keys, I'm told;
For that we'll try this rook.
Now things are looking bright, but wait—
I might have known—a cook!

At last my masterpiece is done;
I'm filled with jubilation.
In carefree mood I send the job
Away for publication.

Is that the end of my story? No,
Balloons must be deflated.
A few months later comes the blow—
My gem's anticipated!

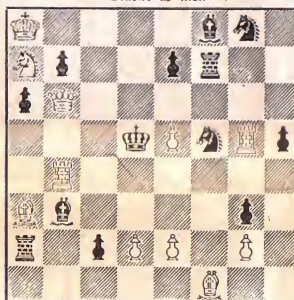
—Edgar Holladay.

Problem No. 51
By H. F. Underwood
Omaha, Nebraska
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 5 men



White: 6 men
8, Gb3, Kk3, Q, 1-kk3, R7,
2P4, S, S,
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 52
By T. Lundberg
Dallas, Texas
Composed for Chess Life
Black: 13 men



White: 11 men
Kth1, Sp2, P06, SkP1, R6,
Rb4, rP1, P1, S2
White mates in three moves

The two problems I have selected for the edification of solvers in this issue are by composers hailing from Nebraska and Texas. Problem No. 51 is a pretty 2-er by a strong across the board player, H. F. Underwood of Omaha, who (wonder of wonders) is also interested in composing and solving chess problems. Mr. Underwood is no novice at composing as several of his better creations have appeared on diagrams in many papers and magazines catering to the promotion of interest in problems. Problem No. 51 has much to commend it and will give you some idea of Mr. Underwood's composing skill.

Problem No. 52 by T. Lundberg of Dallas, Texas is apt to prove troublesome to the solvers. It has a good key and some pretty and rather hard to find variations, despite its cumbersome appearance. Mr. Lundberg employed 24 chess men in its construction which implies it is lacking in economy. The difficulty of solution partially atones for this.

Solutions.

The keymove to Problem No. 47 is:— 1. QxP(B4) with the threat of mate 2. Q-Q4. As set when 1. BxKt(B4) mate is effected by 2. KxP(B3). When 1. PxBt(B4); 2. BxP(B6). When 1. KxKt; 2. QxP(B6). These set mates following the key are all changed. After key is made when 1. BxKt(B4) there follows 2. KxP(B7) and if 1. PxBt(B4); 2. BxP(B7). And of course if 1. KxKt; 2. QxKt. As related when problem was published this is an elegant illustration of correction play and changed set mates.

The keymove to Problem No. 48 is:— 1. Q-K5. Mates resulting from the set variations: 1. Kt-Q4; 2. RxBt(B5); if 1. Kt other; 2. RxBt(Q4). After key is made the mates in these variations are changed to 1. Kt-Q4; 2. RxBt(Q4) and 1. Kt other; 2. RxBt(B5). A complete reversal of mates as set. Illustrates the same idea as dominated the preceding problem and magnificently accomplished. The threat of 1. Q-K5 is 2. Q-K2.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 47 and No. 48 are acknowledged received from Jack Spence (Omaha), Rev. G. Murray Chidley (Toronto), T. Lundberg (Dallas) N. Gabor (Cincinnati).

Is An Expert Always Needed?

Do you have to be an expert in order to be Mr. Player at a simultaneous exhibition? That is the query which N. P. Wigginton of Washington propounds and answers in the negative in the USCF Club Manual, soon to be published.



Gene Collett

In most clubs only the two or three top players are considered good enough to be the "exhibitor," but one chess group has come up with a different answer—anybody can be a simultaneous player!

The secret is to give the exhibition player heavy odds, perhaps as much as Queen and move in some cases. This will give him the necessary advantage and will make his stronger opponents play their very best.

The odds, of course, will be graduated according to the strength of the simultaneous player; a few experiments will show what they need to be.

One of the big thrills in this type of play comes to opponents who never before, consciously, gave odds to any player. What a sensation it is for them!

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

MILTON HANAUER Is back in chess at last. As a good beginning, he defeated Donovan in the first round of the finals of the Marshall Chess Club tournament, and the line of well-wishers forms at the right!

My first memory of the former N.Y. State champion goes back some 15 years, to the time when this young schoolteacher was the guiding spirit behind the unceasing activity of the Interscholastic Chess League. Later, I often wondered who would periodically appear at the various clubs. Again and again, an unknown kid would turn up with abilities far beyond his years and experience. There seemed to be a certain sameness to their play. One week, all of the youngsters would be playing the Ruy Lopez. Next week, the English or the Sicilian would be their choice. Finally, I asked why these things were so. The answer was an invitation to accompany them that evening. Where? I was to wait and see.

The evening proved a pleasant surprise. I was conducted to a basement meeting room in one of the Bronx's housing developments. The room was made available, free of charge, it was explained. There in the room was a crowd of high school and college players paying close attention to the details of a recent master game being discussed by Milton Hanauer. This group, which met weekly, was but one of Hanauer's many services to the young players of his city!

It is no wonder, then, that Hanauer's recent victory brought happy smiles to the faces of players in every club in the city. "The teacher" is rightly beloved by his pupils.

Memorable Chess Dates

Compiled by A. Buschke

- Nov.
- 1856 Dr. C. Planck, English problemist and author, born
 - 1861 J. Pospisil, Czech problemist, born
 - 1896 Dr. K. Skalicka, strong Czech player, author, born
 - 1854 I. Gumbert, Hungarian - English grandmaster, born
 - 1915 Prof. I. L. Rice, inventor of the Rice Gambit and sponsor of many chess events, died
 - 1897 Dr. O. H. Krause, Danish player and analyst, born
 - 1893 A. Trilling, German problemist, born
 - 1899 (old style?) L. A. Isaev, prominent Russian problemist and author, born
 - 1848 K. Kondelik, Czech problemist born
 - 1865 Dr. H. Keilanz (Keilansky), strong player, problemist and author, born
 - 1934 B. Bosch, Czech problemist, died
 - 1908 (Oct. 23 old style) A. P. Sokolsky, Russian player, born
 - 1839 Q. Reichhelm, strong Philadelphia player, editor of many excellent chess columns, author, born
 - 1938 Start of the AVRO tournament (old style?) S. Alapin, Russian master, born
 - 1886 (old style?) A. Nimzowitsch, Russian-Danish grandmaster, born
 - 1818 Dr. B. I. Raphael, strong American player, born
 - 1920 J. Breyer, Hungarian grandmaster, died
 - 1919 D. Ponziani, Italian master and author, born
 - 1920 Dr. S. Gold, Austro-American problemist, died
 - 1932 F. D. Yates, England's outstanding player, died
 - 1944 Frank James Marshall, U. S. Chess Champion from 1909 through 1935 (resigned), winner in many outstanding international and national chess events, died
 - 1828 Conrad Bayer, prominent German problemist, born
 - 1851 D. W. Fiske, editor of "Chess Monthly", scholar, benefactor of Cornell University and Icelandic Public Library, first American chess historian and bibliographer, editor of the book of the First American Chess Congress, friend of Paul Morphy, born
 - 1893 L. Singer, strong Italian player, born
 - 1850 (Oct. 31 old style) M. I. Chigorin, greatest Russian chess master of the nineteenth century, father of the "Russian School" in chess, editor of several outstanding Russian chess magazines and chess columns, born
 - 1838 A. v. d. Linde, outstanding Dutch chess historian, born
 - 1907 L. A. Horowitz, prominent American master, see also Nov. 3, old style, 1899
 - 1863 J. B. (John Brown) of Bridport, famous English problemist, died
 - 1828 O. A. Brown, Jr., Editor of the Dubuque Chess Journal, born
 - 1872 J. Giersing, strong Danish player, born
 - 1921 Dr. A. W. Galitzky, outstanding Russian problemist, died



PRESS ROOM SCENE

At the typewriter Hermann Helms, dean of American Chess and editor of *The American Chess Bulletin*, concentrates at his story of the tournament. At his side Malcolm Sim, chess editor of the *Toronto Evening Telegram*, concentrates on a game score.



CHESS LURES THE YOUNG

At the St. Petersburg Chess Divan the Sheridan twins, John and Dick, two ten-year-old enthusiasts, face John McDick in a simultaneous exhibition. Teaching chess to youngsters is a part of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chess Divan programs.

Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

Sans Voir

The ability to play chess without sight of board and pieces has always been the master's most glamorous attribute. When, in the waning years of the 18th century, Philidor succeeded in playing two games blindfold, his contemporaries looked on in awe. As the years went by, the number of games increased steadily until, on January 27, 1947, Naidorf played 45 games simultaneously at Sao Paulo!

Harry Nelson Pillsbury, the brilliant American master who died at a tragically early age, was one of the most important figures in the development of blindfold chess. The following game (one of 12) is beyond all praise for the imaginative splendor with which it is conducted by the blindfold player.

HAMPPE-ALLIGAIER GAMBIT

New York, 1900

White: H. N. PILLSBURY
1 P-K4
2 Kt-QB3
3 P-B4
4 Kt-B3
5 P-KR4
6 Kt-KK5
7 Kt-P
8 P-Q4

Black: C. HOWELL
1 P-K4
2 Kt-QB3
3 P-B4
4 P-KK4
5 P-Kt5
6 P-KR3
7 Kt-K1
8 P-Q4

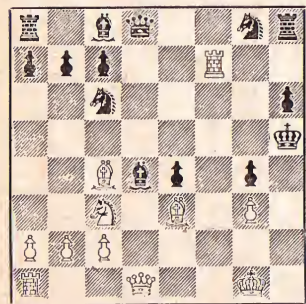
White has adopted a well-known sacrificial line, giving up a piece in return for a superior development and lasting attacking chances. Black's last move is played in the hope that White will capture the QP and thus block an important line of offense.

9 BxP B-Kt2
10 B-K3 B-B3
Serious loss of time. Better 10., Kt-B3 (development!).

11 P-KK3 PxP
Else, after 11. B-K2 and 12. O-O, there will be a nasty threat of P-K5.
12 B-B4chc K-Kt2
13 O-O BxQP7
Black's game was already somewhat compromised, and 13., Kt-R4 was essential to drive White's Bishop away from QB4. The text looks good, but it allows the blindfold player to bring off an enchanting finish.

14 R-B7ch K-Kt3
15 P-Rsch!
The key to a combination in the grand manner!

15 KxP



16 R-Kt7!!
An incredible move for blindfold play! If now 16. BxR; 17 B-B7 mate (magnificent!). Or if 16. Bxh3; 17 K-Kt2 and Black cannot meet both mate threats!

16 Kt-K4
Preventing B-B7 mate and also attacking the terrible Bishop. How bitterly Black regrets his 13th move!

17 K-Kt2!
A new mating specter appears!
17 Kt-K1
18 Q-Rich Kt-R5ch
19 QxKtch QxQ
20 B-B7 mate
Pure genius!

The Kibitzer

(Continued from page 1, col. 5)

Dear Sir:

I want to say I am an ardent lover of the problem study and want to see the double column in the center leaf given to Dr. P. G. Kenney for Problem Chat. We have many old time problem devotees who would say the same.

You may inform the game and correspondent fanatics that we are entitled to "Enjoyment of Chess Problems (Howard)", the same as they are to games and we want our share of the publication.

B. M. MARSHALL,
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Scorn is not enough. The law against facile "agreement" draws should be given a cutting edge by scoring all such "draws" as a loss for both players.

This would be only logical, since the agreement to such a draw is an indication that the players do not want to play and are in effect absent in spirit even though present in the flesh.

RUSSELL CHAUVENET

College Park, Maryland

(The Virginia Champion's suggestion of a "cutting edge" is not actually necessary. The Tournament Director can forfeit the game against both players under Article 19iii of the present Law, Editor.)

Dear Sir:

Would like to see some of the latest theory as you suggest in your column (*Chess Life Abroad*).
MALCOLM D. BROWN
Wycombe, Pennsylvania

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For The Tournament-Minded

November 20
Massachusetts Interscholastic
Championship
Cambridge, Massachusetts

To be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20th at Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass.; open to boys and girls under 19 years of age who are bonafide Mass. residents; No entry fees; bring board and set; sponsored by Mass. State Chess Ass'n; for details write Emil M. Reubens, Interscholastic Director, 208 Purchase St., Boston, Mass.

November 28

U. S. Lightning Chess
Championship

West Orange, New Jersey

Seventh Annual U. S. Lightning Chess Championship will be held at Log Cabin Chess Club, 30 Colmore Terrace, West Orange, N. J. on November 28th; entry fee \$3.00 to USCF members (non-members add \$3.00 for annual USCF dues); Tournament Director Richard W. Wayne; details on time and entry later.

December 4-5

Washington State Championship
Seattle, Washington

To be held at New Seattle Chess Club, Assembly Hotel, 9th and Madison, Seattle; six round Swiss; permanent trophy for winner; entry fee \$1.50; limited to residents of Washington; for details write: Richard P. Allen, 413-15th Ave., No., Seattle, Wash.

HAMILTON, ONT.

Kitchener-Waterloo Hamilton Chess
Rea Hayes 2 Bill Zambori 0
Nick Schroeder 0 R. Drummond 1
John Mettler 1 J. Blizman 1
Percy Frid 1 W. S. Davis 1
Jack Masters 0 R. Miller 2
Twin Cities 4 Hamilton 6

For The Defense: Richard W. Wayne

Dear Mr. Major:

While subscribing wholeheartedly to Samuel Johnson's famous dictum that "to be a judge of mutton, it is not necessary to be a sheep". Nevertheless, I am convinced that it is essential for a critic to have some knowledge of the matter which he chooses to criticize.

No one in the Chess world is more opposed to or more disgusted by short draws than I am; the effect of two Masters playing in the United States Championship and agreeing to a draw after a few moves with all the pieces on the board can be nothing but revolting. However, to try to place the blame for a thing of this kind in any way upon the Tournament Director is showing a complete lack of experience in the Tournament field.

Before the Fallsburg Tournament started, Mr. Reinfeld—a man whose experience and integrity can hardly be questioned—and myself, discussed this matter very fully. We arrived at the conclusion that there was nothing we could do about it since any attempt to enforce the 30 move rule leads to much more disgraceful situations than to leave it alone. For example, if two players are determined to play a quick draw, any attempt to make them continue for at least 30 moves leads to one of the following situations: (a) they will continue to play, making farcical and ridiculous moves or (b) they can merely make three repetitions of the position, either by merely moving their king backwards and forward or in any way they choose. I have examined the records of every important Tournament including World's Championship matches for the past 20 years and cannot find one single Tournament in which some of the games were not given up as agreed draws before 30 moves had been played; surely the gentlemen who direct these important Tournaments know what they are doing and surely above everything else they are certainly not "Chess-cheaters."

While on this subject, may I be permitted to say that I am completely in agreement with your attitude toward these farcical games but is again necessary to point out that criticism cannot be leveled without sure knowledge of the circumstances. At Fallsburg the game which called forth your ire in particular was the 11 move draw between Evans and Shipman. I would like to point out that it was Evans who offered the draw in a much superior position; for this he deserves the most scathing criticism you or I can offer, but Shipman who accepted the draw had hardly any course since he was in a much inferior position at the time. Much, worse, in my opinion, was the absolutely unforgivable game between Kramer and George Shainswit. Both of these players are much more experienced in Tournament play than either Evans and Shipman, both of them were at the time in the thick of contention for one of the high prizes. Shainswit, a player of tremendous ability has had a reputation for many years for a willingness to accept a draw in the middle of the fight. It is my opinion that if he would overcome this unfortunate tendency, he has great potentialities as a National Champion. George Kramer, I cannot possibly forgive for this horrible exhibition; this brilliant and capable young Master was in the thick of contention for first prize and the United States Championship all the way through the Fallsburg Tournament. His offer or acceptance of a draw in such a position with Shainswit, to me, was almost unbelievable.

I trust that these comments from one with some claim to authority on the conduct of Tournaments may help clear-up the situation to the general chess public.

With best personal wishes,
Yours sincerely,

RICHARD W. WAYNE, Director
1948 Chess Championship Tournament
Committee

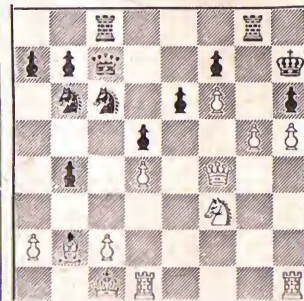
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Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?
Position No. 13



2sR1, pp2pK, lssPpP,
3p2PP, 1p1P2, 5S2, PRP5, 2KR3R
White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Post 13 to the Editor, *CHESS LIFE* by November 20, 1948.

Solutions: Position No. 11 & 12

Position No. 11: Cuckerman-Volsin, Paris, 1928. 1. QxP ch! KxQ; 2. B-B4 ch, K-B3; 3. R(1)-Q6ch, BxR; 4. R-B7 ch, K-B3; 5. R-Kt8 ch! Resigns. After KxR; 4. P-B7 ch and P-B8(Q) mate. There may be other ways of winning this game, but Rudolf Spielmann always chose the brilliant way home! Congratulations to all who solved these two positions!

Position No. 12: Spielmann-L'Hermitte, Magdeburg, 1927. 1. QxRP! PxQ; 2. PxP ch, K-B1; 3. R-Kt8 ch! Resigns. After KxR; 4. P-B7 ch and P-B8(Q) mate. There may be other ways of winning this game, but Rudolf Spielmann always chose the brilliant way home! Congratulations to all who solved these two positions!

Correct solutions to Position No. 11 acknowledged received from: W. L. Arkle (Lansdowne, Pa.), Dr. Joseph M. Erman (Detroit), Edw. J. Korputny (Maspeth, N. Y.), Frank A. Neal (San Francisco), V. G. Sprague (Cleveland), Dr. Julius S. Weingart (Des Moines).

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The solution of 1. Bx1 (which also wins, but not as neatly) was submitted by: M. E. Anderson (Rapid City), Malcolm D. Brown (Holland), J. E. Constock (Duluth), Dr. Joseph Erman (Detroit), R. A. Helgcock (Frankfort), Joseph F. Huns (Lansdowne), R. Klein (Atlantic Beach), Vincent G. Sprague (Cleveland), W. L. Waters (Reading), Dr. Julius Weingart (Des Moines). To these will be awarded a 1/2 point on the solving ladder.

(We regret that the game, Barcsa-Troianescu, in October 5th issue had a bad misprint, spoiling the beauty of the game. For Black's 15th move, read 15. Q-Kt2 (instead of 15. B-Kt2 as printed) and you will recapture the charm of the combination. Editor.)

It might interest the readers to know how the financial end of the World's Championship was arranged. First Prize: \$5,000.00 and the World Title; Second Prize: \$4,000.00; Third Prize: \$3,000.00; Fourth Prize: \$2,000.00; Fifth Prize: \$1,000.00. Outside of that, as Reuben Fine has asked and received the ok to receive \$2,000.00 extra for playing (this for expenses), S. Reshevsky asked for the same amount and received this outside of his prize money.

In passing, we would like to point out that the money allotted in the 1948 Championship was less than that won by Alekhine in 1927 (60% of the \$10,000.00) and that the prize money in the Lasker-Capablanca match in 1921 was \$20,000.00!

Germany, Oldenburg: An international tournament with German and occupational troop players and D. P.'s ended in a victory for 1. Tautvaals (Lithuania) 12 pts on 15; 2.3. Heinicke and Kuppe 11½ 4. Selesniew (Ukraine), famous endgame composer, 9½; etc

The Viennese Master B Hoeningler played 213 games simultaneously in 12 hours, 30 minutes. Won 187, lost 13, drew 13.

Bucarest, Roumania: The Championship of the Capital was won by 1. Balernel 14½ pts. on 18; 2.3. Bramstein and Popa Toma 14; 4.

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N. Y. PLANS GALA TOURNEY

MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB PLANS INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Euwe, Najdorf, Stahlberg To Meet Top American Masters In Tourney

The most important international chess masters tournament held in this country since the six-cornered contest of 1927 in New York City, which was won by the late Jose R. Capablanca and preceded his world championship match with the late Dr. Alexander Alekhine, will be held in New York from December 24 to January 2, inclusive.

Announcement was made by the Manhattan Chess Club, of which Maurice Wertheim, the banker, is president, that the field would consist of ten invited players, including seven Americans and three foreigners, all of the highest rank. Acceptances have been received from Dr. Max Euwe of Amsterdam, world champion from 1935 to 1937, who is coming here to tour the country, and Mendel Najdorf, Polish master, who has returned to Argentina after playing in the world championship trials at Stockholm. The third foreigner to be invited is Gideon Stahlberg, Swedish master, who also played at Stockholm but has been making his home at Buenos Aires since 1939.

According to Sidney Kenton, chairman of the tournament committee at the Manhattan Chess Club where the games will be played, no direct communication has been received from Stahlberg who has been visiting points in Europe. Indirectly, through a correspondent in the Netherlands, it was learned that Stahlberg had recently declared his intention of coming to the United States for the purpose of playing in a tournament. The committee assumes that the Swedish expert had next month's contest in mind and that he will be heard from soon. At any rate a place will be reserved for him. Both Najdorf and Stahlberg entertain world championship aspirations, although they finished just below the five that qualified at Stockholm for the 1949 tournament of challengers.

The list of Americans selected to meet these international masters includes Reuben Fine, who has been seeded for next year's world tournament, although he did go to the Hague and Moscow to try for the title that was acquired by Mikhail Botvinnik, the Soviet grandmaster. He will be supported by Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, the present United States champion, Arnold S. Denker, U.S. champion in 1944, and Isaac I. Kashdan, co-champion with Samuel Reshevsky in 1942.

The other three places will be taken by Israel A. Horowitz, former national open champion, Arthur Bisguier, champion of the Manhattan Chess Club and holder of the national junior title, and George Kramer, New York State champion in 1945. In addition to an adequate expense fund, there will be four cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, \$500 and \$250.

As the Intercollegiate Team Tournament will be held December 26-30 at Columbia University in New York, chess fans will be kept busy commuting between the University and Manhattan Chess Club during the holiday season.

Since the 1927 tourney in New York, the only international affairs in the United States of importance were the 1932 Pasadena International Tournament, won by Dr. Alexander Alekhine with Isaac Kashdan second and Samuel Reshevsky

sky, Herman Steiner and Arthur Duke tied for third; and the 1945 Pan-American Tournament at Hollywood, won by Samuel Reshevsky with Reuben Fine second, H. Pillsnik of Argentina third and I. A. Horowitz fourth. Neither had as important a group of foreign masters competing.

LOG CABIN HOST TO SPEED EVENT

The Seventh Annual U.S. Lightning Chess Tournament will be held at the headquarters of the Log Cabin Chess Club, 30 Collamore Terrace, West Orange, N.J., on Sunday, November 28. The Log Cabin Chess Club and the New Jersey State Chess Federation will jointly act as hosts for this event, sponsored by the United States Chess Federation.

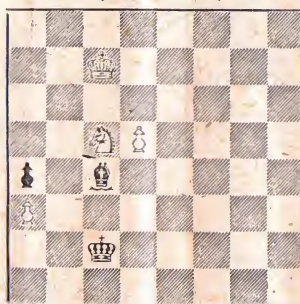
Open to all chess players who are USCF members (membership may be acquired by adding \$1.00 for dues for 1948 or \$3.00 for 1949 dues, plus subscription to Chess Life) upon payment of \$3.00 entry fee, the Lightning Tournament usually attracts a large and brilliant group of players. This year's tourney will be directed by Richard W. Wayne, 239 Dudley Avenue, Ventnor City, N.J., to whom all entries should be sent. Play will begin at 2 p.m.

J. S. NOEL HEADS LA. STATE CHESS

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Chess Federation resulted in the election of USCF Director James S. Noel (Shreveport) as president. Woodrow W. Crew (Shreveport) was chosen secretary-treasurer. Vice-presidents were: Dr. Earl Jones (Alexandria), Eugene K. Flournoy (Monroe), W. Frank Gladney (Baton Rouge), Ralph H. Agate (Lafayette). Directors chosen were Newton Grant (Baton Rouge) and A. Wyatt Jones (Shreveport).

Victor in the annual state tournament was Collins of Shreveport with Grant of Baton Rouge second and Gladney of Baton Rouge third. Twenty-one players participated in the 6-round Swiss.

Position No. 41
By F. L. Fischer (London)
L'Echiquier de Paris, 1947



. s, 2K5, 8, 3S14, plb5,
P7, 3K5, 8

White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

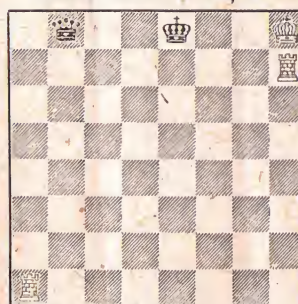
Conducted by William Rojam

Position No. 41 by the ingenious F. L. Fischer of London is a valuable study of a typical position in actual endgame play. Deft handling of the Knight with King moves made at the timely moment turns this very drawish position into a win for White, but he must be careful.

Position No. 42 by the one and only H. Rinck is a clever study in the power of two Rooks against a Queen in restricted positions. Contrary to the rules of tradition, these Rooks are stronger not united, and their various threats of mate or win of the Black Queen finally accomplish a tidy victory. The solution is short and straightforward and seems very simple — when found.

Solutions will be published in the issue of December 20th.

Position No. 42
By H. Rinck (Badalona)
Revista Romana de Sah, 1940



1q2k2K, 7R, 8, 8, 8,
8, 8, R7

White to play and win

CLEVELAND LEAGUE STARTS SEASON

The team championships are well under way in Cleveland with 16 teams competing in the Industrial Chess League, and with 12 teams engaged in the Cleveland Chess Association Club League. Industrial League members are: Brush Development Co., Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co., Cleveland Twist Drill Co., Lubrozel Corp., New York Central R.R., Perfection Stove Co., Strong-Cobb & Co., Thompson Co., Atlantic Tool & Die Co., Cleveland Form Tool Co., Miok Construction Co., Ohio Bell Telephone Co., and United States Post Office. Thompson Products has two teams entered.

In the Club League the members are: Brooklyn Chess Nuts, Avon Lake Chess, Case Chess, Checkmate, Cleveland Chess, East Side Chess, Penn Chessmen, Lakewood Chess, N.Y.C. "Y" Chess, Pawns, Queens Chess, and South Euclid Chess.

CHICAGO LEAGUE STARTS SEASON

The Greater Chicago Chess League has begun its new season with eight teams competing in the annual team tournament, representing Austin Chess & Checker Club, Berwyn Chess Club, Electro-Motive Chess Club, Hawthorne Chess Club, Hyde Park YMCA Chess Club, Illinois Institute of Technology Chess Club, West Suburban Chess Club, and Wilson Chess Club.

The Wilson Chess Club represents a reorganization of the Irving Park YMCA Chess Club which ten years ago was always one of the principal contenders for the Championship crown, while the West Suburban Chess Club is an enlarged Ogden Chess Club.

FERNDALE CLUB TEACHES CHESS

The Ferndale (Michigan) Chess and Checker Club now meets in new quarters in the Community Bldg., 400 East Nine Mile Road. Meetings are Monday evenings. As a public service to the community the club recently started classes open to the public. The accent is on the younger players, although all are welcome. USCF Director Thomas A. Jenkins of Huntington Woods is one of the guiding lights of the club.

JERSEY Y HOLDS SCHOLASTIC MEET

The third annual tournament of the Scholastic Chess League of Hudson County will be held at the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club with round one on November 23 at 8 p.m. and round two on November 30. Two teams, Memorial High School and Demarest High School, will compete for custody of the Paul Heibig trophy; both have won it once.

NEWELL BANKS PLANS TOUR

Newell Banks, chess and checker expert of Detroit, plans an extended tour of simultaneous exhibitions of both chess and checkers after January 1st. Banks will head for Florida, giving exhibitions on the way, spend February in Florida and leave Florida on about March 8th on his way home to Detroit. Clubs wishing to have Mr. Banks give a simultaneous exhibition may make arrangements by writing him at his permanent address: 1228 Newport Avenue, Detroit 15, Mich.

GERSHO, BAIN TIE IN QUEBEC

Playing for the Quebec Provincial Chess Championship, Jack Gersho (Montreal) and Oslas Bain (Quebec) ended as co-champions for 1948 with tied scores in points and a further tie in Sonneborn-Berger ratings. In tying for the title Gersho staged a comeback after a modest showing in the recent Montreal City Championship where he finished well down the line behind both Guze and Rauch.

Bain, secretary of the Chess Federation of Canada, is Quebec City Champion.

Third place went to M. Gauze (Montreal) with a score of 4½-1½, and fourth place to I. Zalys (Halel), a new-comer from Europe, with 4½-1½. Fifth place went to former Montreal champion Dr. J. Rauch with 4-2.

Twenty-nine players competed, and in the early rounds of the six-round Swiss, Ignas Zalys was leading the field by half a point. In the six round he lost to Bain, after defeating Gersho in the fifth. Thereafter, it was Bain and Gersho. D. M. LeDain was tournament director.

At the annual meeting, held in the Community Hall of the Town of Mount Royal (Montreal) the following officers were elected for the Quebec Provincial Chess Association: Mayor R. E. Schofield (Town of Mount Royal) honorary patron, Mayor N. Courtemanche (Montreal East) honorary pres., Dr. J. Rauch (Montreal) president, R. Trotier (Quebec) 1st vice-president, E. Brisebois (Montreal) 2nd vice-president, J. A. Morissette (Quebec) treasurer, P. H. Nadeau (Quebec) junior chess convenor, and D. M. LeDain (Montreal) secretary.

HARKINS CHOSEN CHESS ORGANIZER

The 18-year old James Harkins of Cleveland has become one of the youngest—if not the youngest—paid school chess instructor in the country. Harkins, an alumnus of the famous Pawns Club of Cleveland and 1947 Ohio Junior Champion, now becomes Scholastic Chess Director for the school system of Cleveland, and his first official act was to take steps to form a Scholastic Chess League embracing the 80 odd schools in the Greater Cleveland area. Junior chess has always been active in Cleveland, thanks to the Cleveland Chess Association and the Cleveland Public Library, and the act of creating a post of Scholastic Chess Director, is recognition by the Cleveland Board of Education and Director of Physical Welfare, Floyd Rowe, of the contribution chess has already made in Cleveland in developing its young people.

U. S. LIGHTNING
CHAMPIONSHIP
November 28th

U. S. INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIP
December 26-30th

Homework

This thrilling game ("only a draw") illustrates a phenomenon which is not new but which has been perfected in modern play. This is the struggle between two players who have prepared variations in the same line of play. Each master has armed himself with clever finesses in the hope of outwitting his opponent. The contest starts long before they sit down in the tournament room . . . may the best surprise win!

FRENCH DEFENSE

Vina del Mar, 1947

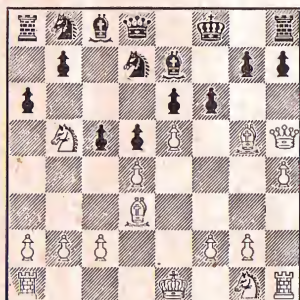
White	Black
H. ROSSETTO	G. STAHLBERG
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3
4. B-K5	B-K2
5. P-K5	Kt-K2
6. P-KR4	P-QB4
7. Kt-Kt5?	

A highly speculative line instead of the safe and sane 7 BxB.

7. P-B3
Apparently demolishing White's center with favorable consequences, for example: 8. KPxB, KtXP; 9. B-KB4, O-O!; 10. Kt-B7! etc.

8. B-Q3!
So that if 8. PxB; 9. Q-R5ch, K-B1; 10. RPxB! (threatening 11. R-R3), BxB; 11. Kt-Q6! with a strong attack.

8. P-QR3!
9. Q-R5 ch! K-B1



White must now lose a piece. Where is his compensation?!

10. R-R3! PxKt
10. PxB would not do because of 11. R-B3 ch etc.

11. B-R6!
According to Modern Chess Openings (Korn) there is a draw by 11. PxB; 12. QxPch, K-K1; 13. Q-R5ch etc. But, as Rafter points out, White can win with 13. B-Ktch!, PxB; 14. QxPch!, K-B1; 15. R-KKt3 and if 15. Q-R4ch; 16. K-Q1.

11. Q-R4 ch
The analysts have overlooked that Black can force an immediate draw (if he wants it) with 11. PxB; 12. QxPch, K-B2!; for now 13. R-Kt3? is defeated by 13. B-B1.

12. B-Q2
Forced (12. K-Q1?, PxB; 13. QxPch, K-K1 and Black's King flees to the Queen-side).

12. Q-B2
Spurring the draw by 12. Q-B2; 13. B-R6, Q-R4ch; 14. B-Q2, Q-Q1 etc. After the text, 13. B-R6? would be a mistake.

13. R-K3!
Threatens to swap Queens.

14. Kt-B3!
15. RXP!
Not 15. KxR (if 15. KtKt ch; 16. K-Q1! wins); 16. B-R6ch, K-K1; 17. Q-K8ch and mate next move.

16. B-R7!
Avoiding 16. BxRP?, B-Kt5ch!; 17. K-K2, QxR; 18. BxQch, KxB and White's Queen is lost! Another way is 16. RxB! 17. QxR, B-Kt5ch!

16. KxR
17. QxPch Drawn!
Both sides must be content with the perpetual check!

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL

(Leading scorers)	
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O. Bain (Quebec)	5-1 28.00
M. Guse (Montreal)	4-3 19.50
I. Zalyis (Montreal)	4-3 18.00
Dr. J. Rauch (Montreal)	4-2 18.00
H. Salois (Drummondville)	4-2 17.25
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J. Therien (Quebec)	4-2 13.00
E. Brisbois (Montreal)	3-2 13.00

NORTH SHORE CHESS LEAGUE

Standings	
Portsmouth (New Hamp.)	12½ pts.
Haverhill (Mass.)	8½ pts.
Lawrence (Mass.)	7½ pts.
Newburyport (Mass.)	7½ pts.

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BELL PHONE HAS GROWING TOURN'Y

The Bell System Postal Chess Tournament among employees of the various Bell System companies has been growing by leaps and bounds. Starting in 1947 with a first round of 205 games, the second season of 1948 swelled the total 2507 games scheduled among employees. The third round to begin in 1949 is expected to command even a more impressive total of games played.

In the first round of 1947 only eight Bell company groups were represented. This round is almost completed with 179 finished games and 26 games still in progress. Round two (1948) found 23 Bell company groups engaged, including Western Electric and Canada. Of this round 333 games have been completed, with 2174 games still in progress.

The Bell System Postal Chess Tournament Notes, issued with great frequency, has grown from a few to nine pages with systematic charts of the results of the various sections; and this represents what has become one of the most outstanding examples of the promotion of employee good will upon a nation-wide basis.

PENN STATE WINS FROM RED ROSES

The Penn State Chess Club opened its chess season with a victory over the Red Rose Chess Club of Lancaster at home headquarters on the Penn State campus. Oddly enough, both teams lacked their top-board men in T. Eckenrode of the Red Roses and D. Hatch of Penn State.

Penn State		Red Rose Chess	
L. Gerwig	1	McDuff	1
M. Zalmanovich	1	Stettler	0
R. Crossman	0	Hawks	1
M. Quintero	1	Huss	0
W. Pascoe	1	Herr	0
B. Dell	0	Furman	1
R. Angstadt	1	Buckler	0
R. Keiger	1	Musser	0
D. Baker	0	Cattel	1
Penn	5½	Red Rose	3½

PLAN INTERSTATE TEAM MATCHES

Interstate chess hostility, as represented by team matches, is reaching a new high in the last months of 1948. At Wheeling the annual Tri-state Championship added a team contest between Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Now news is released that a five-state team match is planned between Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin, while other plans envision a four-state team match at Terre Haute (Ind.) between Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri.

END PRELIMS AT BATON ROUGE

The qualifying rounds of the annual City Champions of Baton Rouge (La.) ended with the following players scheduled to participate in the final championship rounds: Addison, Gladney, Grant, Herzog, Raymond, and Wetherford. The tournament will end on November 30.

TO THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION:

Please accept our entry to the Tournament for the Intercollegiate Team Championship of the United States, to be played at New York City, December 26-30, 1948.

NAME OF TEAM CAPTAIN (Please Print)

ADDRESS (Street Number) (City) (State)

COLLEGE REPRESENTED

We agree to be bound by the playing rules of the United States Chess Federation and the College Chess Committee, and to comply with the decisions of the Referee, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee.

For The Tournament-Minded

November 27-28

Missouri State Championship
Kansas City, Missouri

To be held at Kansas City YMCA; combination Swiss and Round Robin and a B Class tournament; write to Ross Latshaw, YMCA Chess Club, Kansas City, Mo., for details.

November 28

U. S. Lightning Chess
Championship
West Orange, New Jersey

Seventh Annual U. S. Lightning Chess Championship will be held at Log Cabin Chess Club, 30 Collamore Terrace, West Orange, N. J. on November 28th; entry fee \$3.00 to USCF members (non-members add \$3.00 for annual USCF dues); Tournament Director Richard W. Wayne; details on time and entry later.

December 4-5

Washington State Championship
Seattle, Washington

To be held at New Seattle Chess Club, Assembly Hotel, 9th and Madison, Seattle; six round Swiss; permanent trophy for winner; entry fee \$1.50; limited to residents of Washington; for details write: Richard P. Allen, 413-15th Ave. N., Seattle, Wash.

December 4-5

Oklahoma State Championship
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Will be held at Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater as guest of Gambit Chess Club; five round Swiss with cash and magazine subscription prizes for first through thirteenth place; open to State residents; entry fee \$2.00 to USCF members (non-members add \$1.00 /USCF dues); play begins 1:00 p.m.; for details write: John C. Monk, office of President, Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

December 26-30

U. S. Intercollegiate Team
Championship
New York, New York

Open to four-man teams representing colleges in the United States, Canada and Latin America; dates are tentative; will be played at Columbia University; entry fee \$5.00 per team; team members must be members of USCF (Dues \$3.00); for details write: Rhys Hays, 430 West 116th St., New York 27, N.Y.

KING'S MEN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the King's Men (Detroit) Chess Club Rudolph Echarit was elected president, Dr. Bruno Schmidt vice-president, William Sergeant secretary, William Wolfe corresponding secretary, Dr. A. Bookstein treasurer, and Thomas A. Jenkins tournament director.

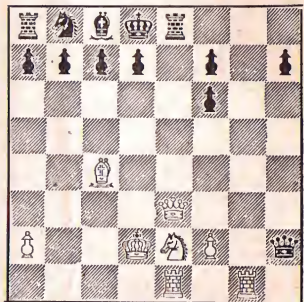
The King's Men (USCF Chapter No. 95) is one of the strongest chess clubs in the Detroit area. Board one is played by Dr. Schmidt, co-champion of Michigan. The tournament director, Thomas A. Jenkins, is on the USCF Board of Directors.

Saturday, November 20, 1948

Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?
Position No. 14



rbkbk8, ppnp1p1p, 5p2, 8, 2B5,
4Q8, 2PKS1, 4, 4R1
White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 14 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by October 5, 1948.

Here is a game from the recent Belgium championship. White: Devos; Black: Van Lennep, Sicilian Defense. 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. KtXP, Kt-KB3; 5. Kt-QB3, P-KKt3; 6. B-K2, B-Kt2; 7. B-K3, 0-0; 8. 0-0, Kt-B3; 9. Kt-Kt3, B-K3; 10. P-B4, Kt-QR4; 11. P-B5, B-B5; 12. B-Q3, P-Q4; 13. P-K5, Kt-K1; 14. P-B6, PxP; 15. B-QB5, KtKtKt; 16. RPxKt, BxB; 17. QxB, P-Q5; 18. PxBP, BxB; 19. BxR, KxB; 20. Kt-K4, B-K4; 21. QR-K1, R-B1; 22. Q-R3, R-B3; 23. QxRP, B-Kt2; 24. Q-R3, Rx-BP; 25. RxP ch, K-Kt1; 26. Kt-Kt5, Kt-B3; 27. RxB ch Black resigns. Venice, Italy: An international tournament is being played here with some of the following masters competing: Tartakower, Canal, Najdorf, Grob, Szabo, Medna, etc.

LUNEAU WINS INFORMAL TOUR'Y

An informal inter-city tournament, held at Alexandria (La.) was won by John C. Luneau of Alexandria upon the basis of a Sonneborn-Berger breaking of a five-way tie for first place. Nineteen players participated in the four-round Swiss. A team tournament, held at the same time ended with Baton Rouge as victor, Shreveport second and Alexandria third.

TAMPA RADIOS BARTLESVILLE

A short-wave radio match between the Tampa Chess Club of Florida and the Bartlesville (Okla.) Chess Club is in the making, and if plans go through a team of four Floridians: Nestor Hernandez, Arthur Montano, R. B. Diaz and Jas. B. Gibson will battle on the airwaves against Bartlesville's best on November 14.

WILMINGTON TOPS RED ROSE CHESS

The Wilmington (Del.) Chess Club journeyed to Lancaster, Pa. to face the Red Rose Chess Club and returned triumphant with a 6-4 victory over the Lancaster club. The Wilmington Chess Club is the newest chapter member of the USCF—so new that a charter number has not yet been assigned to it.

Wilmington Chess		Red Rose Chess	
W. Hart	0	K. Krager	1
A. Fischer	1	M. Paul	1
C. Harding	1	D. McDuff	0
L. Muir	1	C. Herr	0
W. Zeller	1	J. Logue	0
R. Donaldson	1	D. Hawks	0
D. Thomas	1	J. Hues	0
L. Knecht	1	J. Lafferty	0
S. Gutelski	0	J. Birchler	1
S. Uscinski	0	N. Fuhrman	1
Wilmington	6	Red Rose	4

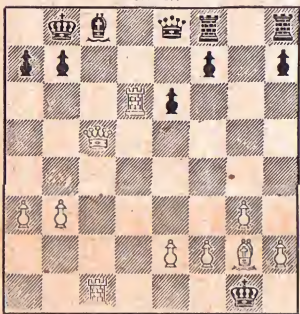
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CATALAN SYSTEM

U. S. Junior Championship
Oak Ridge, 1948

Notes by Edw. J. Korpany

White Black
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. P-KK3 PxP
2. P-QB4 P-KB3 5. B-K2
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3
Good play. There's no need to recapture the P at once.
5. B-P4 6. Q-R4 ch K-B3
Having played P-QB4, or intending to do so, the Kt seems better placed on Q2.
7. O-O B-Q2 8. PxP
Playing to maintain the initiative. The Black P on his Q3 will be taken at the proper time.
9. BxP 9. QxP Q-K3
The Qkt on Q2, instead of Q3, would be handy at this point. White could not dictate so much.
10. Kt-B3 Kt-QR4
Black's difficult position leads him on to further weak moves. He drives the Q off his B, but his Kt gets further out of play.
11. Q-KR4 Q-O-O
This is a sacrifice. With the Q and Q-files and the diagonal Kt-Kt7 open to White the position should give White a sure win.
12. B-K5
13. QxP is no good.
14. B-K2 13. Kt-K4 Kt-B3
Hoping to get a chance to play 14. Kt-Q4.
14. Kt-Kt4 PxKt 16. QxR Q-R1
15. BxP K-K4
This is humiliating. That P does not deserve such care.
17. QR-B1 K-K1 19. Kt-K5
18. KR-K1 B-B1
The diagonal is shared and the Black Kt must capture. White now controls the board.
19. Kt-Kt4 Kt-K1 21. R-Q6 Q-K5
20. QxKt ch K-R1
The poor Black Q is a sorry sight.
22. P-Q3 P-Q3
Now there is nothing Black can do that is worthy of the effort. He can't challenge the R with 23. R-Q1 because of 24. R-Kt7; 25. QxR ch, R-K1; 26. R-Kt mate.
23. QxP is no better. Now White finishes up with a pretty picture.
24. P-QK13 Q-K1
After 24. Q-K1
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25. R-R6 Resigns
If 25. PxR or P-K3; Q mates. White's play is positive from the beginning to the very end. Black was caught flat-footed very early.

KING'S GAMBIT

U. S. Open Championship
Baltimore, 1948

Notes by I. Rivise

White Black
1. P-K4 P-K4 3. B-K2
2. P-KB4 PxP
The Lesser Bishop's Gambit which was played with success by Tartakower in the N.Y. 1924 Tournament where he scored 23-13 against Bogoljubow, Alekhine, Capablanca and Yates. The purpose of this move is to rapidly complete his development without having to waste time by repeating or moving his minor pieces should Black play P-Q4 and P-KK4—5 etc.
3. Alekhine in the tournament book recommends 3. P-KB4; 4. PxP, Q-R5 ch; 5. K-B1, P-Q4; 6. B-R5 ch, K-Q and Black stands better; or if here 4. P-K5, P-Q5; 5. Kt-R3, PxP; 6. Kt-R3, Q-R5 ch; 7. K-B1, B-Q8 with advantage to Black. The move adopted in this game is sound and with best play Black should have no difficulty in equalizing.
4. PxP Kt-KB3
This is the recommended move and probably best but — about two years ago as Black I tried to outgamit the gambiter with 4. P-Q3 (to try to keep White's center under control); 5. P-Q4, Q-R5 ch; 6. K-B1, Kt-K2; 7. Kt-KB3, B-Q3; 8. PxP, PxP (8. QxP, QxP probably was better but I was worried about a possible P-roller in the center); 9. P-QB4, P-KK4; 10. Kt-QB3, P-K5; 11. Kt-K5, P-B6 with fantastic complications.
5. Kt-KB3
This is supposed to be the improvement over Tartakower's 5. P-QB4. Time and test will of course tell the final story but the text looks good for it brings another White piece into action and should Black capture the P on Q4 with either Q or Kt, then P-QB4 and P-K4 will regain the P with the much better position.
6. B-K2 7. P-B4 Kt-K3
6. O-O Kt-KP
The more logical move appears to be 7. Kt-KB3 giving back the P but gaining a tempo (when White takes the P) to further his development.
8. P-Q4 P-QB4
A serious positional error. White now obtains a fine passed P which sticks in Black's throat. Better would have been 8. P-Q3—restraint of the center.
9. P-Q5 P-B3
Holding the P at the expense of his P-knight is found to lead to disaster in positions like this.
10. B-Q3 B-K5 13. Kt-K4
12. Q-K1 ch K-B1
This one of those games where one can truthfully say White's game plays by itself.
13. Q-Kt2 16. Q-B1 BxKt
14. Kt-B3 QxKt 17. B-B3 Kt-K4
15. B-Q2

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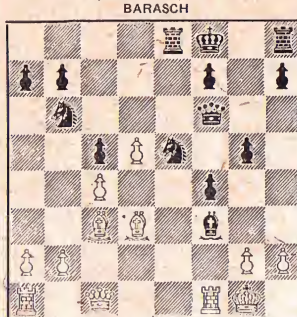
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After 17. Kt-K4



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18. PxR Q-Q3
On 18. BxR, Kt-B3; 19. BxQ, Kt-Q4; 20. BxR would win also for White although Black could put up a terrific battle in this position.
19. Q-B2 P-B3 22. B-B5 K-K2
20. QR-K1 P-KR4 23. B-K6 Kt-B1
21. P-K13 Kt-Q2
To this point, Black has defended well. He has to defend against the threat of Q-K5 and Kt-Q4, if then QxR; QxR wins. The defense he selects is entirely inadequate as White clearly demonstrates. Therefore Black would have done better with 23. R-K1; 24. PxR, QxP; with two Ps for the exchange, removal of the obnoxious passed P and good counterplay on the K-side.
24. R-K1 Kt-B3
25. PxR; 26. Q-B5 leaves Black helpless.
27. R-K1 Q-Q3
28. Q-K2 K-B2 30. R-K2
The exchange of Qs by 30. Q-Q5 ch would also be sufficient.
30. R-K1 32. R-Q2 Q-K2
31. K-B2 P-R5 33. Q-Q5 ch Resigns

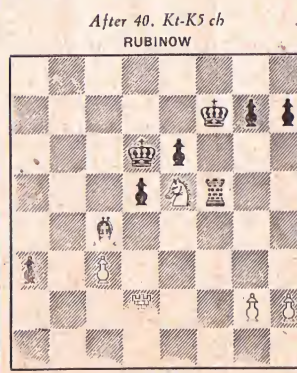
FRENCH DEFENSE

U. S. Biennial Championship
South Fallsburg, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
1. P-K4 P-K3 3. Kt-QB3 B-K5
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 4. P-K3 P-QB3
A few years ago the Russians experimented with the idea of delaying this move. However, it must be made before long and perhaps the sooner the better.
5. B-Q2 Kt-QB3
This move was not generally considered good until the last few years. The present game shows its actual soundness.
6. Kt-K15 BxR ch 7. QxR Kt-QP
This is the point. If 7. QxR; 8. Kt-Q6 ch prevents castling and White can remove the P at his leisure.
8. Kt-K1 P-K1 10. Kt-P Kt-B3
9. Kt-B3 Kt-K2 11. B-K15
By this White admits that he has gained no advantage from the opening. Merely 11. B-Q2 would show that the White B is misplaced, but Black has more aggressive plans for better or for worse.
12. O-O 12. BxKt
One cannot help but wonder how Black will recover his P after 12. Kt-K1, PxKt; 13. BxP, R-K1; 14. B-R4 or if 14. R-K1; 15. B-K13 with 16. Q-B3 or Q1 to follow.
13. P-Q4 P-B3 13. P-Q4
Of course after 13. R-K1; 14. Q-B3, B-K12 (not 14. B-Q2; 15. Kt-R7 ch, K-R1; 16. QxQ); 15. Kt-R5, QxQ White's extra P is not worth much, but this line would be better than the text which weakens the White P's without any material gain.
14. PxP Q-B2 17. R-B3 QR-K1
15. P-KB4 QxP 18. R-R1 Kt-K5
With Q-Kt8 ch in mind.
19. Q-Q1 Q-R5 24. RxR ch KxR
20. P-B5 R-K15 25. K-K2
21. P-B3 QxQ ch 26. R-B5
22. RxQ R-K3 27. K-B2 P-QR4
23. PxP PxP
Stronger is 27. R-R3; 28. Kt-K13, R-R6; 29. R-K12, P-QR4; 30. Kt-Q2, BxP; 31. R-K1; 32. R-K1; 33. R-K1; 34. R-K1; 35. R-K1; 36. R-K1; 37. R-K1; 38. R-K1; 39. R-K1; 40. R-K1; 41. R-K1; 42. R-K1; 43. R-K1; 44. R-K1; 45. R-K1; 46. R-K1; 47. R-K1; 48. R-K1; 49. R-K1; 50. R-K1; 51. R-K1; 52. R-K1; 53. R-K1; 54. R-K1; 55. R-K1; 56. R-K1; 57. R-K1; 58. R-K1; 59. R-K1; 60. R-K1; 61. R-K1; 62. R-K1; 63. R-K1; 64. R-K1; 65. R-K1; 66. R-K1; 67. R-K1; 68. R-K1; 69. R-K1; 70. R-K1; 71. R-K1; 72. R-K1; 73. R-K1; 74. R-K1; 75. R-K1; 76. R-K1; 77. R-K1; 78. R-K1; 79. R-K1; 80. R-K1; 81. R-K1; 82. R-K1; 83. R-K1; 84. R-K1; 85. R-K1; 86. R-K1; 87. R-K1; 88. R-K1; 89. R-K1; 90. R-K1; 91. R-K1; 92. R-K1; 93. R-K1; 94. R-K1; 95. R-K1; 96. R-K1; 97. R-K1; 98. R-K1; 99. R-K1; 100. R-K1

25. R-R6 Resigns
If 25. PxR or P-K3; Q mates. White's play is positive from the beginning to the very end. Black was caught flat-footed very early.



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FOUR KNIGHTS GAME

U. S. Biennial Championship
South Fallsburg, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
1. P-K4 P-K4 4. P-Q4 PxP
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. Kt-K5
3. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
A P sacrifice which Black should probably accept. After 5. Kt-P; 6. Q-K2, P-B4; 7. B-K15, B-K2; 8. Kt-B3, Kt-Kt (not 8. Kt-B7; 9. Kt-Kt dis. ch.) and Black stands better.
5. Kt-K1 6. PxKt Kt-K5
By this Black hopes to end up a P to the good or else prevent White from castling. However, there is a surprise in store. Best was 6. Kt-B5 ch followed by 7. Q-K2 ch.
7. B-QB4 P-QK4 9. K-Q2
8. B-K13 Q-K2 ch
This is the surprise. If 9. Q-K2, P-Q6; 10. QxQ ch, BxQ; 11. P-B3, Kt-B7 ch; 12. BxKt, PxKt with B-K4 to follow.
9. Q-K2 ch P-K13 10. K-Q1
Of course, not 10. R-K1, B-R3 ch.
10. B-QK12 12. P-Q6
11. Kt-P Q-R3
The game hangs in the balance and passive play will surely lose.
12. PxP 16. K-B3 Q-K4 ch
13. K-B3 B-K12 17. QxQ ch PxQ
14. B-K15 BxKt ch 18. QR-Q1
15. KxR Kt-B3 ch
Black's game is very delicate because of his poor P position. Doubtless his best reply would now be 18. Kt-Q5 aiming at B's of opposite colors and a probable draw.
18. Q-R3 Kt-Q5 ch 22. R-K1
20. K-Q3 BxP



After 22. R-K1

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Black must have overlooked this powerful move. Otherwise he surely would have played Kt-B3 when he had the chance. If now 22. PxR; 23. R-K1 ch, K-B1; 24. B-R6 ch, K-K1; 25. R-K7, P-Q4; 26. KxP with a terrible bind.
22. P-Q4
Black prefers to yield a piece for two Ps and a bit of freedom. But the Ps cannot be held. This is the losing move.
23. B-B6 P-K5 ch 33. P-KR4 K-K4
24. K-K3 34. R-Q7
25. P-QB3 KR-K1 35. R-KK7 K-Q4
26. BxP BxR 36. R-KB7 K-K4
27. BxR R-B3 37. B-B4 ch R-K3
28. R-Q8 RxR 38. R-K7 R-K13
29. BxR P-B4 39. K-Q4 P-K15
30. R-Q1 K-B2 40. P-B4 P-K16
31. R-K15 K-K3 41. P-B3 P-R4
32. R-Q8 P-KR4 42. K-B5 Resigns
A fine aggressive game by Rubinow.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

New York State Championship
Endicott, 1948

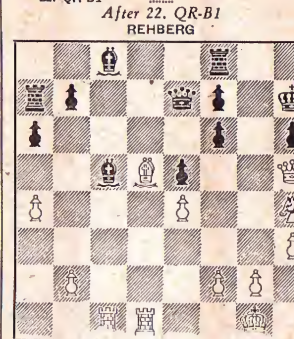
Notes by Jack Soudakoff

White Black
1. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. BxP P-K3
2. P-QB4 PxP 6. P-QR4 P-B4
3. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 7. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
4. P-K3 P-QR3 8. O-O B-K2
Or 8. Kt-P; 9. P-Kt-QR5, P-Q6
9. Q-K2 P-K2 10. P-Q1
Not the best. Quite sufficient for equality is 10. P-K4; 11. PxP, PxP; 12. Kt-K5 (12. B-K3, B-KK5); 13. Kt-K1; 14. Q-K3, Kt-K1; 15. B-KK5, B-KK5; 16. P-B4, P-B4 ch, 17. B-K3, Kt-K1 (not 13. B-B4, Kt-K1 ch; 14. R-Kt, P-K4; 15. B-KK5, B-KK5); 16. P-B4, P-B4 ch, 17. B-K3, Kt-K1; 18. B-K3, Kt-K1; 19. B-K3, Kt-K1; 20. B-K3, Kt-K1; 21. B-K3, Kt-K1; 22. B-K3, Kt-K1; 23. B-K3, Kt-K1; 24. B-K3, Kt-K1; 25. B-K3, Kt-K1; 26. B-K3, Kt-K1; 27. B-K3, Kt-K1; 28. B-K3, Kt-K1; 29. B-K3, Kt-K1; 30. B-K3, Kt-K1; 31. B-K3, Kt-K1; 32. B-K3, Kt-K1; 33. B-K3, Kt-K1; 34. B-K3, Kt-K1; 35. B-K3, Kt-K1; 36. B-K3, Kt-K1; 37. B-K3, Kt-K1; 38. B-K3, Kt-K1; 39. B-K3, Kt-K1; 40. B-K3, Kt-K1; 41. B-K3, Kt-K1; 42. B-K3, Kt-K1; 43. B-K3, Kt-K1; 44. B-K3, Kt-K1; 45. B-K3, Kt-K1; 46. B-K3, Kt-K1; 47. B-K3, Kt-K1; 48. B-K3, Kt-K1; 49. B-K3, Kt-K1; 50. B-K3, Kt-K1; 51. B-K3, Kt-K1; 52. B-K3, Kt-K1; 53. B-K3, Kt-K1; 54. B-K3, Kt-K1; 55. B-K3, Kt-K1; 56. B-K3, Kt-K1; 57. B-K3, Kt-K1; 58. B-K3, Kt-K1; 59. B-K3, Kt-K1; 60. B-K3, Kt-K1; 61. B-K3, Kt-K1; 62. B-K3, Kt-K1; 63. B-K3, Kt-K1; 64. B-K3, Kt-K1; 65. B-K3, Kt-K1; 66. B-K3, Kt-K1; 67. B-K3, Kt-K1; 68. B-K3, Kt-K1; 69. B-K3, Kt-K1; 70. B-K3, Kt-K1; 71. B-K3, Kt-K1; 72. B-K3, Kt-K1; 73. B-K3, Kt-K1; 74. B-K3, Kt-K1; 75. B-K3, Kt-K1; 76. B-K3, Kt-K1; 77. B-K3, Kt-K1; 78. B-K3, Kt-K1; 79. B-K3, Kt-K1; 80. B-K3, Kt-K1; 81. B-K3, Kt-K1; 82. B-K3, Kt-K1; 83. B-K3, Kt-K1; 84. B-K3, Kt-K1; 85. B-K3, Kt-K1; 86. B-K3, Kt-K1; 87. B-K3, Kt-K1; 88. B-K3, Kt-K1; 89. B-K3, Kt-K1; 90. B-K3, Kt-K1; 91. B-K3, Kt-K1; 92. B-K3, Kt-K1; 93. B-K3, Kt-K1; 94. B-K3, Kt-K1; 95. B-K3, Kt-K1; 96. B-K3, Kt-K1; 97. B-K3, Kt-K1; 98. B-K3, Kt-K1; 99. B-K3, Kt-K1; 100. B-K3, Kt-K1

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moment, Black must parry Kt-K16.

20. K-R2 21. Q-R5 R-R2
Losing at once. The R is sorely needed on the first rank.
22. QR-B1



After 22. QR-B1

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With two nefarious ideas, First Black must provide against the powerful threat of RxB, followed by BxP, with a quick mate.
This seems to do it — but now comes the second point.
23. P-QK4 BxKtP 26. QxR Q-B2
24. Q-B5 ch K-K2 27. QxR ch K-R2
25. Q-B5 ch K-K2 28. Kt-B5 B-B1
And now the win is accomplished simply by the transfer of the Kt to R5.
29. Kt-K13 P-K4 30. Kt-R5 Resigns
For if 30. QxR; 31. Q-H5 ch, K-K1 (or K-R1); 32. Kt-R5 ch, K-R1; 33. R-K4, etc.

NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE

Virginia State Championship
Charlottesville, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. R. CHAUVENET B-K5
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. Kt-B3 P-B4
One of Black's principal objectives in this defense is to give White doubled and blocked QP's.
5. P-QR3 BxKt ch 7. B-R5 P-Q3
6. PxR O-O 8. P-K4
More judicious would be 8. B-B2.
8. Q-R4 9. B-Q3
White can scarcely defend both P's. If 9. P-K5, PxP (not 9. Kt-K5; 10. B-Q2 or 9. QxP ch; 10. B-Q2); 10. PxP, Kt-K5; 11. B-Q2, R-Q1 with a good game. If 9. Q-Q8 (or B2), Kt-R1, White therefore decides to give up a P for quick development.
9. QxP ch 10. K-K2 Kt-B3
Apparently better, though rather involved, is 10. PxP; 11. B-Q7; 12. R-K1, QxP; 13. P-K4, QxP ch. However, there seems to be no good way to prevent 11. BxKt and Black's developing move seems logical enough.
11. P-Q5
12. BxKt should certainly be played first.
12. PxP 19. B-B4 Q-K2
13. BxP Kt-Q5 20. P-KR4 P-K15
14. Kt-K1 QxKt 21. R-K1 Kt-R4
15. B-K3 Q-K4 22. B-K15 Q-K4
16. P-B3 P-QK4 23. P-B4 Q-B6
17. B-B2 P-QR4 24. R-K3 Q-Q4
18. B-Q2 B-Q2 25. Q-K4
19. P-K13 QR-QB1
This sacrifice of the exchange leads to a lively situation where Black's extra P will not be too much felt.
25. QxR 27. BxP B-R6
26. P-K5 P-R3
No threats — except mate!
27. P-K1 Q-Q5 ch 31. R-K3
28. R-K3 Q-Q7 ch 32. B-K15
30. R-K2 Q-Q5 ch
If 32. PxP, B-K15; 33. Q-K15, Q-Q7 ch; 34. Kt-K1, Q-R5 ch; 35. K-B2, QxR ch and 36. Q-K13.
32. P-B4 33. PxP



After 33. PxP

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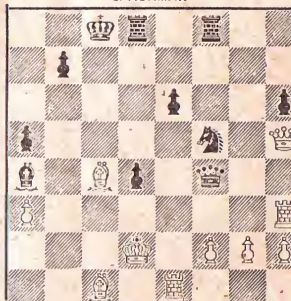
33. QxP
34. Q-K16, Q-Q7 ch; 35. Kt-R1 (if Kt-B1, B-R6 ch, Q-H5 ch; 36. K-B2, QxR ch; 37. Kt-K1, Q-Q8 ch; 38. K-B2, Q-Q7 ch; 39. Kt-R1, B-K16.
34. P-K6 Q-K17 ch 36. K-Q2 P-B5
35. K-K1 Q-B8 ch
Have missed his chance at move 33. Black can do better than allow the draw.
37. Q-B7 ch K-R1 38. O-R5 ch Drawn

FRENCH DEFENSE

30 Board Simultaneous
Denver, 1948

Notes by W. M. Spackman

White Black
1. P-K4 P-K3 6. P-B B-K2
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 7. Q-K4 PxP
3. Kt-QB3 P-K3 8. PxP Q-B2
4. P-K5 P-QB4 9. K-Q1
5. P-QR3 BxKt ch
Perhaps not so awkward a way out of the standard Black attack as it looks.
9. Q-K13 10. B-K15
Looks to me like waste of time, as he can't exchange advantageously.



After 25. Q-K1

ADAMS

Maybe the right line was 25. Kt-K6; 26. QxQ, Kt-B3 ch, with B's of opposite colors but a strong passed P.
If 26. Kt-K6; 27. R-B3 with wild complications — but perhaps it was best. I completely overlooked the following simplification.
27. K-K2 Kt-K6 30. Kt-K4 B-K14 ch
28. QxQ RxQ 31. K-K4 PxR
29. BxP ch K-K1 32. R(1)PxP
Now White should certainly win; but it was late and Adams was exhausted.
32. B-B3 ch 39. B-K14 B-Q2
33. K-K5 RxP 40. K-B6 BxR
34. RxP R-KB1 41. KxR R-R3 ch
35. P-KR4 P-Q7 42. KxR R-R3 ch
36. P-R5 R-KR1 43. K-R6 and should
39. B-R3 R-K1 ch have drawn — but
38. K-R6 R-R1 blundered and lost!
I figured that 42. R-R1; 43. BxR, Kt-B3; 44. R-K3, Kt-B2; 45. R-B3 ch, Kt-K13; 46. K-Q6 was also a draw — but I'm afraid I was dead wrong!

GREATER CHICAGO

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R. BYRNE WINS LIGHTNING

MICHIGAN ADOPTS NCCP FIRST STATE IN PARADE

National Chess Coordination Program Finds Michigan State Ass'n Ready

At a special meeting at Lansing, Michigan the representatives of the chess clubs that form the Michigan State Chess Association voted enthusiastically to adopt the National Chess Coordination Program of the United States Chess Federation. The plan had been discussed previously at the regular August meeting of the Association.

In adopting the plan, the Michigan State Chess Association made radical changes in its policy and structure to conform with the new program, of which the most drastic was the shifting of the Association from a club membership structure to an individual membership basis. Hereafter USCF members in Michigan will pay dues of \$5.00 per year, of which \$2.00 will be retained by the Michigan State Chess Association and \$3.00 accrue to the USCF for membership and subscription to CHESS LIFE.

Instrumental in arranging for the adoption of the NCCP were the Michigan State Chess Ass'n officials: President Virgil E. Vandenberg (Lansing), Secretary-Treasurer Reuben Buskager (Battle Creek), Vice-President Elias J. Van Sweden (Grand Rapids), and Honorary Vice-Presidents A. H. Palmi (Jackson) and F. A. Hollway (Grand Rapids). The quick and intelligent actions of these officials in studying and presenting the plan gave Michigan the golden opportunity of being the first State to climb upon the NCCP bandwagon.

The NCCP was presented to the consideration of the Michigan State Chess Association by USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend to whom also credit is due for making Michigan (his home state) the first one to align itself with the new USCF policy.

The special meeting at Lansing was attended by representatives from Lansing, Battle Creek, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Detroit. Other localities and clubs were represented by proxy to make the final vote an unanimous decision.

TAMPA DRAWS IN RADIO MATCH

The Tampa Chess Club in its long-distance match with the Bartlesville (Okla.) Chess Club had to be content with a draw. Playing for Tampa were Nestor Hernandez, Arthur Montano, R. B. Diaz, and James B. Gibson, Jr. For Bartlesville the team was: J. P. Hogan, C. F. Sievers, L. M. Oberlin, and W. R. Whitney.

At the Tampa end, the games were played at the Floridan Hotel with the moves relayed to L. P. Geers who transmuted them to Bartlesville via short-wave. The Tampa radio experts were L. P. Geers of W4DIN, John H. Sohl, Jr. of W4KQS, Pat Patrick of W4GMJ, Ed. Hughes of W4NRT, Fred Hansen of W4IWX and Dick Heuer of W4GEE, all of the Tampa Amateur Radio Club.

Other long-distance chess matches by short-wave are sought by the Tampa Club which is now planning a match with the Hiram Walker Chess Club of Peoria (Ill.) on the tentative date of December 12.

Mates And Stalemates

By Anita Meynig and Walter Froehlich



"It is smaller than the morning paper. Since he reads CHESS LIFE, I can get a glimpse of him sometimes during breakfast."

Hesse Gains Tri-State Championship By Winning Playoff Game With Sachs

Herman Hesse of Bethlehem, Pa., defeated 16-year old Ranier Sacks of Cleveland Heights, Ohio in their play-off game to capture the 1948 Tri-State Championship of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Hesse and Sacks, both runners-up in their recent state championships, had tied for first place, finishing ahead of the champions of Ohio and Pennsylvania and the co-champions of West Virginia.

This year's Tri-State Congress, held under the auspices of the Wheeling Chess Club at the Hotel McLure, Wheeling, W. Va., found the Ohioans winning the team championship by defeating the West Virginia players by a 1½ to 4½ in a double-round match of six boards. Due to last minute illness of some of their players, the Pennsylvania team failed to appear.

Hesse and the youthful Sachs, who is still in high school, finished their tournament schedule with scores of 4-1 each; Hesse had three wins and two draws (with Dietz and Hurt) while Sachs won four games but lost his second-round contest to Hesse. Another teen-ager, 18-year old Paul Dietz of Pittsburgh, Pa., Pennsylvania State Champion, scored 3½-1½ to finish third; ahead of the West Virginia Co-Champions, Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington (2-3) and John F. Hurt, Jr. of Charleston (1½-1½), and Ohio Champion, Elliott E. Stearns of Cleveland, who had the ill fortune to lose all five of his tournament games.

Young Sachs had the satisfaction of winning from all the current state champions in the tournament but he could not best Hesse, who tied for fifth place in the 1948 Biennial U.S. Championship Tournament at South Fallsburg, N. Y. Hesse relied on the Nimzovich Defense in the playoff game and scored over Sacks in 39 moves.

The Wheeling Chess Club displayed acumen and skill in the handling of the Tri-State Congress. They provided a fine trophy for the individual champion, as well as silver watch fobs for the members of the champion Ohio team.

In the team matches, 16-year old Myron Frederic of Columbus and Ernest S. Somlo of Cleveland scored 2 and 1½ points respectively to star for Ohio. Edward M. Foy of Charleston with 2 points, William Cuthbert of Wheeling with 1½ points and Reid Holt of Charleston with 1 point accounted for the total West Virginia team's scoring.

CHAMP'S K. O. IS O.K. TO CLUB

The Marshall (Detroit) Chess Club spent a pleasant evening in testing the mettle of the present Michigan State Champion, George Eastman, and found him "chess-worthy" in a simultaneous exhibition at the northeast YMCA. Eastman won 20, lost 1, and drew 2.

L. EVANS SECOND; J. PARTOS THIRD

SPECIAL:—Robert Byrne, U. S. 1947 Intercollegiate Champion, captured the Seventh U. S. Lightning Chess Championship with a score of 8-1 in the tournament held at the Log Cabin Chess Club, West Orange, N.J. Larry Evans was second with 7-2; Julius Partos third with 6½-2½, and Herbert Seidman fourth with 5-4. Richard W. Wayne was tournament director.

(For details, see issue of December 20th, 1948.)

WAYNE RESIGNS AS USCF OFFICER

Richard W. Wayne, Chairman of the U. S. Championship Tournament Committee and recently elected Vice-President of the Federation, has submitted his resignation due to the pressure of personal business. Mr. Wayne is a member of the firm of Burch Bros. Ltd. of Atlantic City, and the enforced absence of one of the partners, which has unexpectedly developed, so increased Mr. Wayne's responsibilities that the USCF Executive Committee felt compelled to accept Mr. Wayne's resignation.

In resigning Mr. Wayne wrote in part:

I would like to say that my entire association with you and with the Federation has been a source of great pleasure and happiness to me and I have enjoyed working along with you. May I be so presumptuous as to ask all of you, most emphatically, to continue on the fight we have been waging to put American chess on a democratic basis; great progress has been made in the past two years, culminating in the resolution passed by the Board of Directors at Baltimore and by the actual conduct of the Championship Tournament at South Fallsburg which proved, to me, conclusively, that our way is the only proper way. Carry this fight to a complete and successful conclusion and do everything possible to avoid any return to the old ways of special privileges for the few and you will receive not only the thanks of American chess players but also a deep sense of self-respect in having done what you believe to be right regardless of the pressure from "big names" and "big money."

STARK AWARDED CCLA GAME PRIZE

M. C. Stark of Washington has been awarded the special prize offered by the Correspondence Chess League of America for the best-played game at the 1948 U.S. Open Championship at Baltimore won by a contestant who did not finish among the leaders. Stark received the prize for his fighting victory over A. S. Pinkus. The award was judged by the editors of the Chess Correspondent, which published the game with notes by Larry Evans in November.

KMOCH BECOMES USCF OFFICIAL

Hans Kmoch, the talented Viennese master who now makes his home in New York, has accepted the appointment as USCF Vice-President to fill out the term of Richard W. Wayne, who is resigning because of business complications. Kmoch will also serve as chairman of the USCF Tournament Committee in place of Wayne.

Noted as an analyst and writer on chess, Hans Kmoch is also recognized as one of the ablest of tournament directors, in which capacity he served at the recent U. S. Open Tournament at Baltimore. He is recognized as well for his skill in simultaneous exhibitions. Since coming to New York Kmoch has made a notable contribution to American chess literature by his fine annotations in Chess Review.

MANHATTAN CLUB WILL WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS

The total cost of the International Tournament, to be held from December 23 to January 2, with a list of players including Dr. Max Euwe of the Netherlands, M. Najdorf of Poland, and Reuben Fine, Isaac Kashdan, Arnold Denker, Herman Steiner, Al Horowitz, George Kramer and Arthur Bisguier, will be met by the Manhattan Chess Club and its friends.

Contributions to the fund will be welcomed from friends and well-wishers, and should be addressed to Sidney Keaton, Chairman Tournament Committee, 100 Central Park South, New York City.

PITTSBURGH Y CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

At the Pittsburgh Downtown YMCA Chess Club William R. Hamilton was elected president, Mr. Schuette and Mr. Cheesemen were elected vice-presidents, Mr. Meese treasurer and Mr. E. Coons secretary. Schuette continues as editor of the "En Passant" club publication.

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RICHARD W. WAYNE

Words are at times faint and meaningless symbols, which fail utterly to express the thoughts they wish to make articulate. Recognizing this inherent weakness in the written word (which cannot portray the expressive inflections of the voice), we will not attempt to do more than indicate the infinite regret with which we have received the unwelcome tidings of the resignation of Richard W. Wayne as USCF Vice-President and Chairman of the Tournament Committee of the Federation.

Mr. Wayne has presented such insistent and pressing reasons for his retirement at this time, that even the selfishness (where chess is concerned) of your USCF officials could not remain adamant in refusing a reluctant but gracious acceptance.

There remains, therefore, only the pleasant necessity of remembering the many fine and delicate missions that Mr. Wayne has accomplished; and the sad compulsion to bid him a temporary farewell in the hope that the parting will be short in time, although it will seem long at every chess meeting where his counsel will be missed.

For many years a USCF Director for New Jersey, Richard Wayne has been distinguished in particular for the clarity of his ideas and his courageous and unflinching stand for whatever course he deemed to be the right. His unfailing generosity in disposing of his own time and unceasing efforts on behalf of the Federation can never be forgotten. As a Chairman of the USCF Tournament Committee, his contribution both in the Wayne Report and in the conduct of the recent U.S. Biennial Championship at South Fallsburg cannot be too highly praised as an exhibition of painstaking attention to detail combined with an intelligent and practical approach to the problems that beset all tournaments.

Chess can ill afford to lose its Richard Waynes, even for the span of months; but facing this dire necessity, we wish him the best of luck in his business ventures, and express the fervent hope that the absence will be short, but profitable.

Montgomery Major

Promoting A Chess Exhibition

By Homer H. Hyde

President, San Antonio Chess Club

With the hope that it may help other chess clubs in promoting chess exhibitions by visiting masters, I should like to explain how we promoted two exhibitions in San Antonio. One was given by Mr. I. A. Horowitz, January 22, 1947, and the other by George Koltanowski, January 18, 1948. Both were held during the March of Dimes campaign, with the net proceeds to go to the March of Dimes. One of these exhibitions cleared \$25.00 and the other \$20.00 above the fee for the visiting master and expenses.

Now for the "modus operandi." We decided to print tickets ahead of time, utilizing the advantages of advance ticket sales. Sales were made by members of the club, and by placing others on sale at a local sporting goods store which customarily handles ticket sales for football games between the local high schools, free of charge. A special feature was the arrangement of a match between the visiting master and our local city champ. Thus, the ticket for the Koltanowski exhibition was exactly as follows:

Chess Match, Lecture, and Exhibition
by

GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

Match Game With
W. N. KENDALL

City Champion — 2:30 P. M.

Simultaneous Exhibition — 7:30 P. M.

Benefit of the March of Dimes

Elks' Club, Sunday, January 18, 1948

\$1.50

ADMIT ONE

Tickets may be numbered for convenience, numbers 1-40, being offered to entitle the purchaser to play in the simultaneous, the remaining entitling them to be spectators only. A reduced price may be made for students or spectators, as deemed advisable.

This ticket was printed at a cost of \$2.50 on ordinary business cards by the Paul Anderson Co., stationers.

Problems of Chess Life

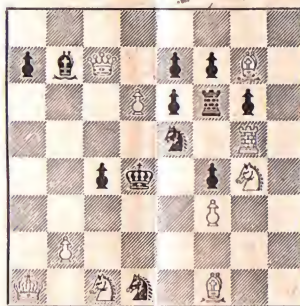
Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., New York, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

Problem No. 55

By R. Fortune (So. Africa)

First Prize—B.F. Tournay, 1947-8



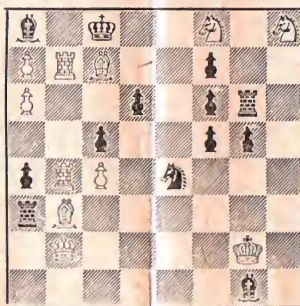
8. pbQ1pp1, 3pp1, 4s1R1,
2k1p81, 5P2, 1P6, K1s1B2
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 57

By C. S. Kipping (Wednesbury, Eng.)

1st & 2nd Pr. (ex aequo)

B.C.F. Tournay, 1947-8



1K2S1S, P1B2P, 2P1P1, 2P1P1,
P1P1S, R1B, 1Q4K1, 6H1
White mates in three moves

Problem No. 56

By J. J. Rietveld (Holland)

Second Prize—B.C.F. Tournay, 1947-8



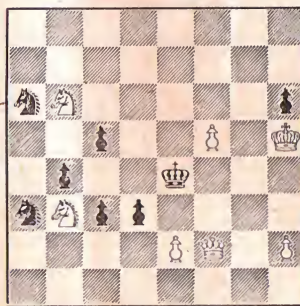
4K3, 2P2P, 5P1B, 7R, 3K2Q,
1R2S2B, 1P1P1B, 1B1S3
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 58

By L. Larsen (Denmark)

1st & 2nd Pr. (ex aequo)

B.C.F. Tournay, 1947-8



8. S, 8S1P, 2P2P1K, 1P2K3,
8P1P4, 4P1P1, 8
White mates in three moves

The foregoing problems are the first and second prize winners of the 1947-48 Two and Three move tournaments of the British Chess Federation. The Federation now announces the following tournaments for 1948-49:

For orthodox direct mate problems in three moves.

For orthodox direct mate problems in two moves. (Not more than two from each composer.)

For orthodox direct mate problems in five moves.

Composers must submit two diagrams in clear chess type (stamped or drawn) of each problem entered, with full solution under the diagram, but with name and address on one diagram only. Entries should be mailed in envelope marked: B.C.F. to H. F. Blandford, 44 New Kent Road, London, S. E. 1, England on or before Feb. 28, 1949. Corrections will be accepted up to closing date.

On the prize problems diagrammed above, the Judges commented: No. 55. The key prepares the way for the King flight and the Black Rook apparently requires close confinement. A melange of selfblocks, halfpins and correction play. No. 56. Four interferences on f4 are elegantly separated. A pity that 1. Be5 allows a new mate by 2. Rc4 to creep in. No. 57 and 58. First and Second prizes ex aequo. No. 57 is an original and witty theme. The Black Knight has the choice of four squares but in each case is forced to retract his move, thereby reuppinning the Rook. Masterly construction, all duals being avoided, thanks largely to the White King. No. 58. The key "waits"; any move by a Black Knight lets in a White Knight and so on. There are ten distinct mates including five models, of which two by the Queen and one each by the two Knights and Pawn. A very fine example of its kind.

Please note and pardon two errors in this column in the issue of November 20th. The second variation of the Synthetic Problem should have read: 1. P-KK7; 2. Kt-KK3 (not 1. P-KK7; 2. Kt-K6 as printed). The Forsyth notation under Problem No. 54 was incorrect but the diagram was correct.

Solutions:—

The key to Problem No. 51 is: 1. Kt-B5 with threat of 2. Q-B6. The Black defenses are: 1. BxQ or B1B3; 1. Kt-Q5; 1. Kt-B2 are answered by White respectively with 2. Kt-B6; 2. P-B1; and 2. Q-Q2. Has a pleasing key and a pretty self-block.

The key to Problem No. 52 is: 1. R-Kt4 with threat of 2. P-K4 and P-Q1 mate. If 1. Kt-R1; 2. QxKP ch, K-R3; 3. Q-B6. If 2. K-Q5; 3. P-K3. If 2. K-B5; 3. Q-Q3. In the foregoing variation (intention of the composer) there is a serious dual greatly marring the purity. The dual: 1. Kt-R1; 2. QxR ch, K-K5; 3. Q-B4. If 2. K-Q5; 3. Q-Q3. The worthwhile variation is: 1. P-K3; 2. Q-Q4 ch, Kt-Q; 3. P-K4.

Correct solutions to Problems No. 51 and 52 are acknowledged received from Peter Korf (Grand Rapids), Jack Spence (Omaha), John Stubbe (Durham, N.H.), Burney Marshall (Shreveport), N. Gabor (Cincinnati), Rev. G. Murray Chidley (Toronto), Dr. J. Erman (Detroit), T. Lundberg (Dallas), J. Bolton (New Haven).

Publicity was achieved by newspaper notices on the sports pages, by the March of Dimes Campaign, by spot announcements on the radio stations by their sports announcers, and by display advertising in store windows. Mr. Paul Anderson made ten advertising posters, size about 18" x 24", with information similar to that printed on the tickets. These were made by what he termed a "blueprint process." The lettering was first done by his artist in black, then photographed. From the negative, blueprint copies were made. These were mounted on cardboard with scotch tape. Various leading stores selling chess sets, etc. were then contacted. They readily agreed to placing a display in their windows. Displays consisted of the poster placed behind a chess-board with the men set up as in a game in progress.

The key to getting the cooperation of newspaper, radio, and business men is, of course, staging the exhibition for the benefit of a charity, with the local city champion given the opportunity to match his skill with that of the visiting master. The latter is not essential, but helps considerably in assuring financial success and in arousing chess interest. It is not necessary to restrict such benefits to the March of Dimes—any good local charity or worthy enterprise will receive enthusiastic support. Believe it or not, the usual reception accorded by business men was: "Sure, anything for the March of Dimes!"

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

TED DUNST is down in my book as the inveterate philosopher, the man whose presence in a chess club makes at once for a laughing crowd of onlookers. Ted, a one-time correspondence school employee, has acquired a smattering and more of all knowledge. His post-mortems of his games become at the same time little explorations in the encyclopedia.

A powerful player, Dunst has selected an unorthodox style of play which convinces every one of his opponents that the game is definitely impossible. This feeling is especially evidenced when Ted plays his own "invention," the "Wild Bull." He claims that "it violates all rules and must therefore win every time!" What happens? Well, look at this bizarre short which Dunst won from Kurt Spielberg in the current tournament at the Marshall Chess Club.

WHITE: DUNST — BLACK: SPIELBERG— 1. N-QB3?!, P-Q4. 2. P-K4, P-K3; 3. N-B3, N-KB3; 4. Q-K2!, B-K2; 5. P-KN3, PxP; 6. NxP, P-QN3? (Now Dunst pounces in precise and gleeful form) 7. B-N2, B-R3; 8. P-Q3, QN-Q2; 9. N-Q4, N-K4? 10. NxNch, BxN; 11. N-B6, NxN; 12. BxNch, K-K2; 13. B-Q2!., Q-Q3; 14. Q-K4!, B-Q5; 15. BxR, P-KB4; 16. Q-B3, RxB; 17. QxR, B-N4; 18. O-O, B-QB3; 19. Q-KN8, P-B5; 20. QR-K1, K-B3; 21. BxP, Q-Q4; 22. R-K4, and Black resigned.

Of course, such tactics do not always succeed, for Dunst is in 9th place in the latest standings, where he is tied with Larry Evans at 3½-2½. The race has become hectic, with Hanauer and Fajans bracketed at 4½-1½, while Pilnick and Santastere stand as well with 4-1.

Memorable Chess Dates

Compiled by A. Buschke

December			
1 1876	J. Kling, English endgame composer,	com-	ded
2 1931	H. Weenik, Dutch problemist and master, author of the classic "The Chess Problem,"	com-	ded
4 1904	A. Meurs, Dutch problemist, born	born	
5 1872	H. N. Pillsbury, American grandmaster,	born	
6 1861	J. Ohlquist, Finnish endgame composer,	born	
7 1890	A. Pongracz, Hungarian problemist,	born	
8 1898	M. Lange, German master, analyst, author,	died	
9 1856	J. Chocholous, Czech problemist, born	born	
10 1841	(1842 according to other sources): J. H. Blackmure, English grandmaster,	died	
12 1905	(old style) E. Schiffers, Russian grandmaster,	died	
1906	L. Trebitsch, Viennese chess sponsor,	died	
14 1861	H. Pollmaecher, editor of one of the most widely read German chess columns,	died	
1885	E. K. Falkbeer, Austrian master (later emigrated to London),	died	
15 1838	G. H. L. Neumann, German grandmaster,	born	
1875	Graf Vitzthum, strong German player and chess sponsor,	died	
17 1808	George Allen, chess collector (Library Company of Philadelphia),	born	
1907	V. Pirc, Yugoslav grandmaster,	born	
19 1867	S. R. Wolf, strong Viennese chess player,	born	
22 1854	G. Exner, Hungarian master, born	born	
1880	(old style) D. Przpiorka, Polish grandmaster,	born	
23 1879	E. Holm, Swedish problemist,	born	

For The Tournament-Minded

December 26-30

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New York, New York

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Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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When Andressen sacrificed two Rooks, the Queen, etc. against Kleseritzky, the finished product was described as "the immortal game." It would be more accurate to describe it as "an immortal game," for since that time there have been many claimants for that title. Not the least deserving is the following little gem, on which Canal may have lavished somewhat less than five minutes. The game has the blazing quality of a Liszt improvisation.

CENTER COUNTER GAME (Simultaneous Exhibition)

White: E. CANAL
1 P-K4
2 PxP
3 Kt-QB3
4 P-Q4

Black: AMATEUR
P-Q4
QxP
Q-QR4
P-QB3

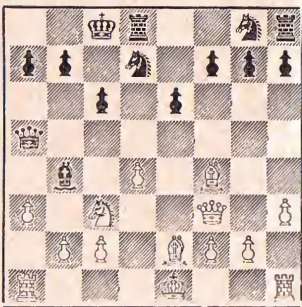
Superfluous. Development (4.... Kt-KB3) is more to the point.

5 Kt-B3
6 B-KB4
7 P-KR3
Develops White's game. Better 7.... B-KB4.

8 Qx8
9 Q-Q3
10 P-R3!

B-K15?
Kt-Q2?
O-O-0?

The final blunder. His reliance on the pin receives a cruel jolt.



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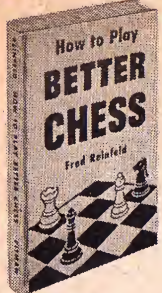
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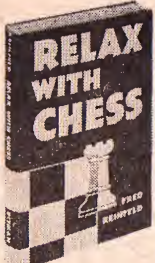
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ANDERSON TAKES TORONTO RAPID

A lad with taking ways in chess, Frank R. Anderson, added the Toronto City Speed Championship to his collection, which includes Ontario Championship, Ontario Speed Championship and Toronto City Championship. In the Toronto Speed Tournament held at the Gambit Chess Club, he captured his section with a 7-0 score and then took the title with a victory over P. Avery who had won his section also with a 7-0 score. Sixteen players competed in the event which was held as a two-section round robin.

At Shawinigan Falls, Dr. Joseph Rauch captured the Quebec Provincial Speed Championship from a field of 28 players from Montreal and Quebec in a 7 round Swiss. The victory of the former Montreal champion showed a return to form after a lapse in the recent Quebec Provincial Championship where he placed fifth. A surprise second was H. Feldman who came from behind in the last rounds. J. Gersho placed third and M. Guze fourth.

"LAST ROUND" NOW DRAMATIZED

The thrilling chess story "Last Round" by Dr. Kester Svensen of Norman, Okla., published in Chess World, has now been dramatized by H. J. J. Slavekoord in Dutch. Two performances have been given at The Hague with wall-board for demonstration of the game which is the focal point of the story before audiences of 100 or more chess enthusiasts.

FOUR CLUB TEAM MATCH

Rockford Chess	Bloomington Chess
C. Ekholm 1	E. Riggs 0
N. Roland 1	H. Raymond 0
Dr. Schwartz 1	H. Haines 0
F. Benedict 1	P. Lieber 1
R. Cockrell 1	A. Humes 0

Rockford 4 Bloomington 1

Tri-Cities Chess	Decatur Chess
K. Wiegmann 1	J. Barr 0
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TRI-CITIES WINS FOUR CLUB MATCH

In a four-club team match held at La Salle, Ill. at the Kaskaskia Hotel the Tri-Cities Chess Club of Rock Island (Ill.), Moline (Ill.) and Davenport (Ia.) walked away with the honors with a score of 10 points. Second was the Rockford (Ill.) Chess Club team with 8½ points.

Individual stars of the meet were Russell Cockrell of Rockford and L. Maher of Rock Island with three victories apiece. Albert Sandrin, Paul Adams (Secretary of Greater Chicago Chess League), and Charles P. Adams, all of Chicago, attended as spectators and adjudicated unfinished games.

Final Team Standings	
Tri-Cities Chess Club	10
Rockford Chess Club	8½
Decatur Chess Club	6
Bloomington Chess Club	5½

PHOENIX CLUB OFFERS WELCOME

The Phoenix Chess Club of Arizona, newest Charter Club of the USCF, has the welcome mat out for all visiting chess players from other climes. The club meets Thursday evenings at the Phoenix YMCA. R. M. D. Wagers is president, D. W. McElgunn vice-president, J. H. Padgett secretary-treasurer, D. R. George activities director, and D. R. George and O. W. Manney publicity directors.

Recent increase in chess enthusiasm in Arizona has brought forth plans for an Arizona State Chess Association, and the process of organization is now under way.

PLUEDDEMANN AT FIRESTONE

Once again, for the fifth consecutive term, Arthur E. Plueddemann has been elected president of the Firestone Chess and Checker Club. Others elected at the annual meeting were: Paul McKay vice-president in charge of checker, Robert Hunter treasurer, and Wallace Zimmerman secretary. Plueddemann doubles as editor of the Firestone Chess and Checker Club Bulletin, one of the most widely circulated club publications and the only one that is a weekly all year around.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

St. Paul Chess	Minneapolis Chess
Robert Ott 1	Carl Diesen 0
Robert Gueydan 0	Harry Fructus 1
Larry Miller 0	Calvin Anderson 1
Clen H. Simmer 0	K. N. Pederson 1
W. E. Kaiser 0	Orin Outman 1
Ole Aarhus 1	H. G. Johnson 0
Henry Muska 0	Larry Narvonen 1
Jas. R. Rowe 0	Milton Ottosen 1
Carl Lindgren 0	Chas. M. Harding 1

St. Paul 8 Minneapolis 6

TRI-STATE TEAM MATCH

Ohio State	West Virginia State
Peter J. Seitz 1	Gene Collett 0
William Granger 1	Edward M. Foy 1
Ernest M. Wyman 0	Edward M. Foy 1
E. W. Slater 0	Reid Holt 0
Ernest S. Somlo 1	William Cuthbert 1
Leo Sweet 0	Edwin Faust 0
John A. Miller 0	Edwin Faust 0
Ernest S. Somlo 1	Tom Sweeney 0
E. W. Slater 1	A. W. Paul 0
Ernest W. Wyman 1	
Myron Frederic 1	
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Ohio 7½ West Virginia 4½

1948 TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Herman Hesse (Pennsylvania)	1	1	1	1	1	1	4-1
Ranier Sachs (Ohio)	1	1	1	1	1	1	4-1
Paul L. Dietz (Pennsylvania)	1	1	1	1	1	1	4-1
Dr. S. Werthammer (West Virginia)	1	1	1	1	1	1	4-1
John F. Hurt, Jr. (West Virginia)	1	1	1	1	1	1	4-1
Elliott E. Stearns (Ohio)	1	1	1	1	1	1	4-1

Hesse defeated Sachs in playoff game to break tie.

TORONTO CITY SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
F. R. Anderson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-0
K. Kerns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6-1
Ross Siemens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-3
W. Oakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-4
F. Blumberg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-4
W. A. Young	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-4
W. H. Rockett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-5
M. Birk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-7

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
P. Avery	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-1
C. A. Crompton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-2
V. Mekle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-3
J. R. Jeffrey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-3
J. R. Orlando	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-3
J. Kagesta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-4
O. P. Matheson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-6
H. Ridout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-7

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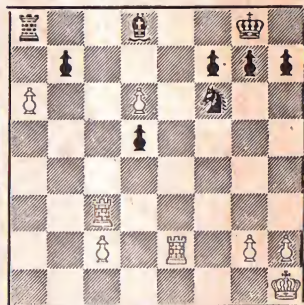
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Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Position No. 15



r2b2k1, 1p3ppp, P2P1a2, 5p4,
8, 2R5, 2P1R1PP, 7K
White to move

Send solutions (the main line of play) to Position No. 15 to the Editor, CHESS LIFE by December 20, 1948.

Solutions to Problems 13 and 14 with names of solvers will be published in next issue.

Venice, Italy: An international tournament here was won by Najdorf (Poland) 11½ pts; 2-3. Canal (Peru) and Barcza (Hungary) 9½ pts; 4. Dr. Euwe (Holland) 8; 5. Castaldi (Italy) 7½. There were 14 participants.

Here is a game from this tournament. White: Canal; Black: Dr. M. Euwe. Four Knights. 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 4. B-K15, B-K15; 5. O-O, O-O; 6. P-Q3, P-Q3; 7. Kt-K2, Kt-K2; 8. B-K15, B-K15; 9. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 10. Kt-B6, B-K15; 11. P-Q4, P-Q4; 12. P-Q4, P-Q4; 13. P-KR3, BxKt(B4); 14. PxB, Kt-B3; 15. BxKt, PxB; 16. B-K3, Kt-K5; 17. R-B1, R-K4; 18. P-KK4, Q-B3; 19. Q-R4, Q-K2; 20. KR-K1, QR-Q1; 21. RxP, R-Q3; 22. RxR, KtR; 23. Q-B6, R-K1; 24. QxQP, Q-Q2; 25. B-KB4, P-KR3; 26. Kt-K5, Q-R5; 27. Kt-B6, Kt-B1; 28. P-B6, R-K1; 29. R-K7 Black resigns.

England: The championship of England was won by R. J. Broadbent with 8½ out of 11 points. 2-5. B. H. Wood, H. Golombek, Sir George Thomas and P. S. Milner-Barry 7 pts. Alexander was 7th with 5½ and W. Winter 10th with 3½.

Miss Price won the Woman's Championship of England. London: A match England-Holland ended in a tie 10-10 in a double round match. Dr. Euwe on board one won and drew one from Broadbent.

They say: Botvinnik is making a movie on how he won the World's Championship.....does that mean Hollywood bound?

When Reshevsky arrived in Holland for the World's Championship one of the Russian delegation greeted him and instead of asking him: "Who are you?", he asked "How are you?" Whereupon Reshevsky answered: "Fine." Immediately Botvinnik was informed that Fine had turned up after all to play for the title....!

Dr. Euwe sent a telegram to the F. I. D. E. renouncing on his chance to play in the tournament for a challenger for the World's title. He is willing to step aside to allow Najdorf to play. They are expecting Fine to make the same gesture in favor of Stahlberg. Essen, Germany: The 1948 championship of Germany was won by Unzicker 13½ pts; 2. Kieninger 12½; 3. Machate 10½; 4-5. Niephaus and Schmid 9 each; 6. Rautenberg 8; 7-8. Czaya and Dr. Troger 7; 9-10. Nurnberg and Relstab 6½; 11. Teschner 6. There were 16 players.

A tournament in Moscow in memory of Master Rjumin was won by Kam and Auerbach.

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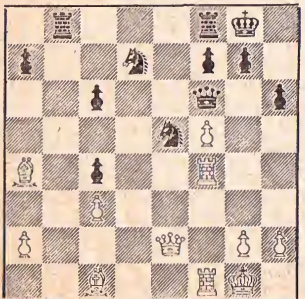
NIMZOINDIAN DEFENSE
U. S. Open Championship
Baltimore, 1948

Notes by A. Y. Hesse

White Black
C. PILNICK 1. KASHDAN
1. P-Q4 Kt-K3 2. P-K3 B-K15
2. P-QB4 P-K3 3. Q-B2 P-QK3
This move indicates the Nimzo-Indian variation, but actually prepares for P-Q3 for a Black attack upon the center, characteristic of the Nimzo-Indian system of strategy.

5. P-K4 BxKt ch 8. Kt-K2 0-0
6. P-Q3 P-Q3 9. B-Q3 Kt-B3
7. B-Q3 P-K4 10. P-B5
Up to this point White has developed a good center which should be allowed to stand undisturbed. White's 10th move plays into his opponent's hands instead, aiding the strategy mentioned in the above note. An immediate advance on the K-side is indicated at once.

10. PxB PXP
The movements of the White Bs merely help Black's plans, resulting in blocking off the effectiveness of the Bs and increasing the operations of the Black Kts. White's 14th move belongs to this observation.
11. PxB PXP
12. B-R3
13. Kt-K3 B-K3 15. P-KB4 PXP
14. B-K15 Kt-K1 17. QR-K1
17. R-Q1 was better, for the Q-file was of greater importance as proven later.
18. Kt-K15 18. Q-K2 Kt-K4
Black thus attained cooperation of his Kts, pointing toward control of the Q6 square.
19. P-R3 P-R3 21. P-Q3 QR-K1
20. Kt-B5 BxKt 22. Q-K2
A confession of weakness of his 19 Q-R5, and resulting loss of time.
22. Q-B3 24. B-R4 P-B5
23. B-B1 P-B3

After 24. . . . P-B5
KASHDAN

PILNICK

Splendid! Black is turning the apparent weakness of the doubled Ps on the Q3 file into a source of strength to further his plans and operation of the two powerful Kts. The White Bs are nearly out of play. Strange for Mr. Kashdan, the champion of B over Kt, relying on the Kt, which he here handles in wonderful fashion.

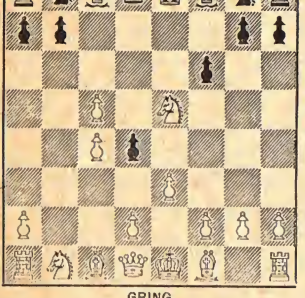
25. B-B2 KR-K1 27. Q-K3 Kt-Q6
26. B-Q2 P-B4
Gains space, restricts freedom for action which has been prepared.
28. BxKt PxB 31. R-K4 Kt-Q6
29. QxP Kt-K4 32. B-K3 R-K17
30. Q-K3 KR-Q1

The move that dominates the final combination, despite White's desperate threat on the K-side. A fine mastery of detail by Kashdan.
33. P-QR4 R-QB7 37. K-R1 R-B3
34. BxRP QxB 38. P-K13 RxR ch
35. R-R4 Kt-B8 39. QxR Q-K6
36. Q-R3 Kt-K7 ch Resigns

RET I OPENING
Boston Team Match
Notes by John Curdo

White Black
A. GRING 1. J. CURDO
1. Kt-K3 P-Q4 2. P-QK4 P-B3!
2. P-B4 P-Q5 3. PxB P-K4
3. P-K3 P-QB4 6. KtXP?

After 6. KtXP? CURDO



GRING

This game was played just after Denker proved this line unsound in his match with Kevitz.
6. Q-R5 ch K-K2 9. PXP
The usual 9. QxP was refuted by Denker's simple QxKt!! Canabian didn't see it.
9. QxKt!! Kt-K3 11. QxQ ch
10. Q-B4 ch Q-B3
11. Q-R7ch, Q-K2 ch!! 12. QxQ, BxQ; and if 12. P-Q5, Kt-K5 and the threats of Kt-B7 and BxP win or 13. B-K2, B-B3! and wins.
11. KtXQ 13. Kt-R3 BxP
12. P-Q5? Kt-QK5! 14. Kt-K2
What else?
14. R-K1 ch 15. K-Q1
If 15. B-K2, Kt-Q6 wins.
15. BxP
Threatening 16. . . . R-K8 mate.
16. B-Q2
Threatening 17. . . . B-R5 ch and 18. . . .

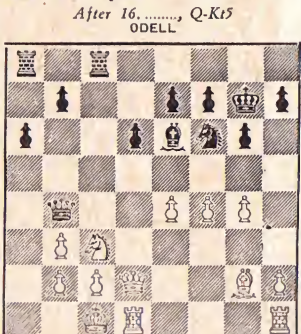
17. B-KB3 B-R5 ch 23. R-B1 ch Kt-K1
18. K-B1 Kt-Q6 ch 24. Kt-B2 BxKt ch
19. Kt-K1 KtXb 25. KxB BxR
20. KxKt B-Q5 ch! 26. RxB RxP ch
21. Kt-K1 Kt-K5! Resigns
22. BxKt RxB

Tournament Life

Conducted by
Erich W. MarchandDept. of Mathematics
University of Rochester,
Rochester 3, New YorkSICILIAN DEFENSE
Illinois State Championship
Fourth Playoff Game
Chicago, 1948

Notes by Albert Sandrin

White Black
J. SHAFFER 1. G. ODELL
1. P-K4 P-QB4 9. B-R6 Kt-B3
2. Kt-KB3 P-Q3 10. BxB KxB
3. P-Q4 PXP 11. Q-Q3 Q-K3
4. KtXP Kt-KB3 12. Kt-K3 Kt-QR4
5. Kt-QB3 P-KK3 13. P-KK4 KtXKt ch.
6. B-K3 B-K12 14. RPxKt B-K3
7. P-KK3 0-0 15. P-B4 KR-B1
8. Q-Q2 P-QR3
The threat is 16. . . . BxP; 17. PxB, KtXP with three to four P's for the piece.
16. B-K12 Q-K15
After 16. . . . Q-K15
ODELL

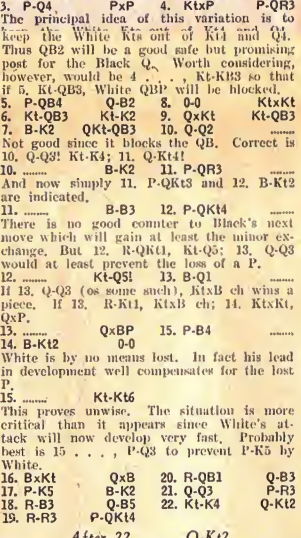


17. P-B5 B-Q2 18. P-K5! Kt-K1
If PxB, P-K15.
19. P-K6! PXP 22. B-Q5! KtXb
20. PxB BxP 23. RxB KtXk1
21. Kt-K1 Kt-B2 24. P-Kt
22. KtXP ch wins. If Kt-B3; 25. Q-K15 or if Kt-B3; 25. Q-K3.
24. QxQ ch QxB 26. RXP ch K-B3
25. QxQ ch RxQ 27. RXP and wins

SICILIAN DEFENSE
North Jersey Chess League
Orange, 1948

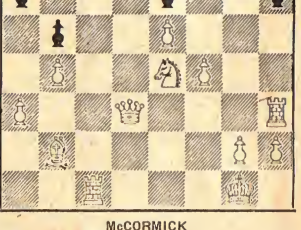
Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
E. T. MCCORMICK 1. N. COHAN
(Log Cabin Chess)
1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. Kt-K3 P-K3
The standard line for many years before the Dragon Variation became fashionable.
3. P-Q4 PXP 4. KtXP P-QR3
The principal idea of this variation is to keep the White Kts out of K14 and Q1. Thus QB2 will be a good safe but promising post for the Black Q. Worth considering, however, would be 4. . . . Kt-K3 so that if 5. P-QB4, White Q1P will be blocked.
5. P-QB4 Q-B2 8. 0-0 KtXk1
6. Kt-QB3 Kt-K2 9. QxKt Kt-QB3
7. B-Q2 Q-KB3 10. Q-Q2
Not good since it blocks the QB. Correct is 10. Q-Q3! Kt-K4; 11. Q-Kt4!
10. B-K2 11. P-QR3
And now simply 11. P-QK3 and 12. B-K12 are indicated.
11. B-B3 12. P-QK4
There is no good counter to Black's next move which will gain at least the minor exchange. But 12. R-QK1, Kt-Q5; 13. Q-Q3 would at least prevent the loss of a P.
12. Kt-Q5! 13. B-Q1
If 13. Q-Q3 (or some such), KtXb ch wins a piece. If 13. R-K1, KtXb ch; 14. KtXk1, QxP.
13. QxB 15. P-B4
14. B-K12 0-0
White is by no means lost. In fact his lead in development well compensates for the lost P.
15. Kt-K16
This proves unwisely. The situation is more critical than it appears since White's attack will now develop very fast. Probably best is 15. . . . P-Q3 to prevent P-K5 by White.
16. BxKt QxB 20. R-K3 B-B3
17. P-K5 B-K2 21. Q-Q3 P-R3
18. R-B3 Q-B5 22. Kt-K4 Q-K12
19. R-R3 P-QK14
After 22. . . . Q-K12
COHAN



MCCORMICK

23. Kt-B6 ch
Not a brilliancy but the logical way to finish off his helpless opponent. Of course if 23. . . . PxB; 24. PxB and 25. Q-K15 ch.
24. P-B4 BxKt 27. RXP P-B4
25. QxQ Q-Q4 28. R-R5 ch K-B2
25. QxQ PxQ 29. RXP Resigns
26. PXP R-K1

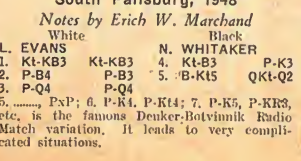


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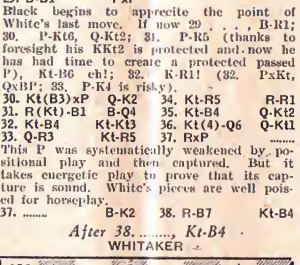
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
U. S. Biennial Championship
South Fallsburg, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
L. EVANS 1. N. WHITAKER
1. Kt-KB3 Kt-KB3 4. Kt-B3 P-K3
2. P-B4 P-B3 5. B-K15 QKt-Q2
3. P-Q4 P-Q4
5. . . . PxB; 6. P-K4, P-K14; 7. P-K5, P-K13, etc., is the famous Denker-Botvinnik Radio Match variation. It leads to very complicated situations.



6. P-K3 Q-R4
And now it is the age-old Cambridge Springs Defense.
7. Kt-Q2 B-K15 13. 0-0 B-Q2
8. Q-B2 PXP 14. P-QK4 KR-Q1
9. BxKt Kt-B3 15. KR-B1 B-K3
10. KtXP Q-B2 16. P-R3 P-KR3
11. B-Q3 0-0 17. Q-K13 P-QK3
12. P-QR3 B-K2 18. B-K2
A game of slow positional maneuvering. White stands slightly better, being more advanced and having more freedom.
18. . . . QR-B1 20. PXP PXP
19. R-R2 P-B4 21. P-K15
Now Black has an isolated P which may become weak while White has a potential passed P which also may become weak. But White's superior mobility gives him better chances.
21. . . . Kt-K4 25. QR-R1 B-KB3
22. B-B3 R-K1 26. QR-K1 Kt-Q6
23. P-QR4 P-R3 27. R-B2 Kt-K4
24. Kt-R3 Kt-K15 28. B-K2 B-B3
Black seizes his chance to place this poorly developed B on a good diagonal.
25. B-B1 PXP
Black begins to appreciate the point of White's last move. If now 29. . . . B-R1; 30. P-Kt6, Q-Kt2; 31. P-K5 (thanks to foresight his Kt-B3 is protected and now White has had time to create a protected passed P), Kt-B6 ch!; 32. R-R1! (32. PxB, QxP!; 33. P-K4 is risky).
30. Kt-B3)XP Q-K2 34. Kt-R5 R-R1
31. R(Kt)-B1 B-Q4 35. Kt-B4 Q-K12
32. Kt-B4 Kt-K3 36. Kt(4)-Q6 Q-K1
33. Q-R3 Kt-R5 37. RXP
This P was systematically weakened by positional play and then captured. But it takes energetic play to prove that its capture is sound. White's pieces are well poised for horsplay.
37. . . . B-K2 38. R-B7 Kt-B4
After 38. . . . Kt-B4
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After 38. . . . Kt-B4



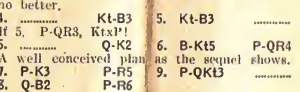
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39. RxB!
Forced but good. White's attack is very strong.
39. . . . KtXR 41. KtXP R-R4
40. R-B7 Kt-B4
Black hopes to stir up some complications by returning the exchange.
42. KtXR RxB! 41. Kt-B6 BxKt
43. PXR QXR 45. Q-B5!
Very neatly retaining his P. If now 45. . . . Kt-K2; 46. PxB, KtXP! 47. B-K15.
45. QxB Q-Q3 54. K-B2 K-Q3
46. P-K4 QxQ 55. K-Q3 P-K13
47. P-Q4 Kt-Q3 57. B-K3 P-R4
48. P-B7 K-K2 58. P-K13 K-Q3
50. B-R6 K-Q2 59. K-Q4 P-R5
51. P-B3(Q) KtXQ 60. PXP P-K4 ch
52. BxKt ch KxB 61. PXP ch K-K3
53. P-B4 K-B2 62. P-R5 Resigns

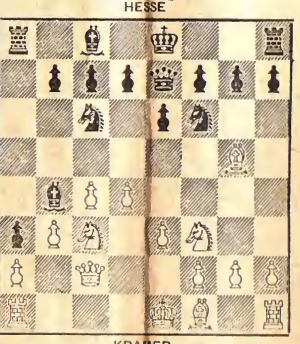
NIMZOVIICH DEFENSE
U. S. Biennial Championship
South Fallsburg, 1948

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
G. KRAMER 1. H. HESSE
1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3 3. Kt-QB3 B-K15
2. P-QB4 P-K3 4. Q-K3
A more lively continuation than 4. Q-B2 but no better.
4. . . . Kt-B3 5. Kt-B3
4. . . . P-QR3, KtXP
5. . . . Q-K2 6. B-K15 P-QR4
A well conceived plan as the sequel shows.
7. P-K3 P-R5 9. P-QK13
8. Q-B2 P-R6
After 9. P-QK13? HESSE



After 9. P-QK13? HESSE



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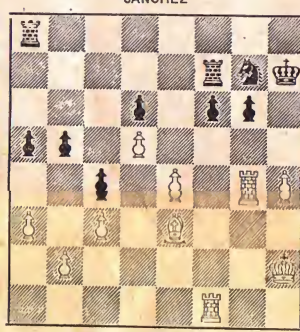
Dubious. But White can hardly be blamed for overlooking that this loss of P by force.
9. . . . BxKt ch 11. BxQ KtXQ
10. QxB Kt-K5! 12. B-Q3
For if 12. B-R4, Kt-K15 wins the RP. White might as well develop.
13. K-Q2 KtXP 14. RxB Kt-K15
Black has an extra P and should win. But how can this be accomplished? Good positional play is part of the answer.
15. QR-R1 P-Q3 19. R-R2 R-R4
16. Kt-K1 P-QB4 20. KR-R1 KR-R1
17. Kt-B2 Kt-K1 21. K-B3 B-B3
18. KxKt B-Q2 22. P-K13
This seems unwise. 22. P-R3 would leave no holes and would impede Black's B later.
22. . . . P-QK13 26. PXP QxP
23. P-QK14 R-R5 27. Kt-K13 B-B6
24. Kt-B2 B-K1 28. P-R4
25. B-B2 QR-R4
It is not clear why White failed to recover his P here or on the next two moves. To be sure, Black's chances in the ending would

be better, but the extra P is always a big factor.
25. . . . P-K4 32. QR-R1 R-Q1
29. P-K4 K-B3 33. KR-Q1 R-Q5
30. R-K1 B-K15 34. RxB KtXP ch
31. K-B3 B-K3 35. K-Q3 P-R7
As Reuben Fine once said: "Passed Pawns must be pushed." White now sadly regrets his failure to remove this P.
36. B-K15 R-R6 37. K-B2 BxP
Good positional play often finds its only reward in the chance to bring about witty combinations. Without this resource the RP would fall. The rest is easy for Black.
38. BxB R-B6 ch 50. R-Q7 R-B7
39. K-Q2 RxB 51. P-B4 K-K1
40. RXP R-K15 52. R-Q5 K-K2
41. K-Q3 RXP 53. P-B5 P-B3 ch
42. K-B4 R-K15 ch 54. K-B4 P-B5
43. K-Q3 Kt-K6 ch 55. P-K14 P-B6
44. K-B4 R-B6 ch 56. P-K15 PxB
45. K-Q5 P-Q6 57. PXP R-B5
46. R-K12 K-K2 58. P-K16 PXP
47. R-R2 P-K13 59. PXP R-B8 ch
48. R-R7 ch K-B1 60. K-K14 P-Q8(Q) ch
49. K-K5 P-Q7 Resigns

RUY LOPEZ
U. S. Open Tournament
Corpus Christi, 1947

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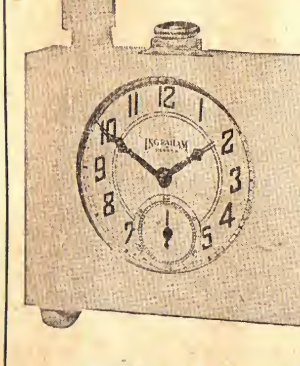
White Black
D. YANOFSKY 1. A. SANCHEZ
1. P-K4 P-K4 21. Q-K2 KR-QK1
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 22. R-R1 P-QR4
3. B-K15 P-QR3 23. Q-Q1 P-B5
4. B-R4 Kt-B3 24. R-R3 Q-B1
5. 0-0 B-K2 25. Kt-K1 B-Q1
6. R-K1 P-QK14 26. Q-B3 R-K12
7. B-K3 P-Q3 27. P-KR4 B-K1
8. P-QB3 Kt-Q4 28. BxKt Kt-K1
10. P-Q4 Q-B2 30. P-B4 PXP
11. P-KR3 0-0 31. QxP Kt-K4
12. QKt-Q2 Kt-B3 32. R-KB1 R-KB2
13. Q-Q5 Kt-Q1 33. Q-K3 B-Q2
14. Kt-B1 Kt-K1 34. Kt-B2 P-R4
15. Kt-K3 P-K3 35. B-Q1 BxKt
16. P-KK14 Kt-B2 37. BxB PXP
17. K-R2 Kt-B3 38. BxKt KtXk1 ch
18. R-K11 Kt-K12 39. BxKt QxQ
19. R-K12 K-R1 39. QxB Q-Q2
20. B-Q2 B-Q2 40. RxQ K-R2
After 40. . . . K-R2
SANCHEZ



YANOFSKY

The game might be said to begin at this point. White has a slight advantage due to more space, better R positions and Black's rather restricted Kt.
41. (R-B1)-KK1 44. B-Q4 R-B5
42. RxP R-K1 45. R(K1)-K16 R-B4
43. R-R6 ch K-K1 46. RxP
Much better than 46. BxP, RxP. After the

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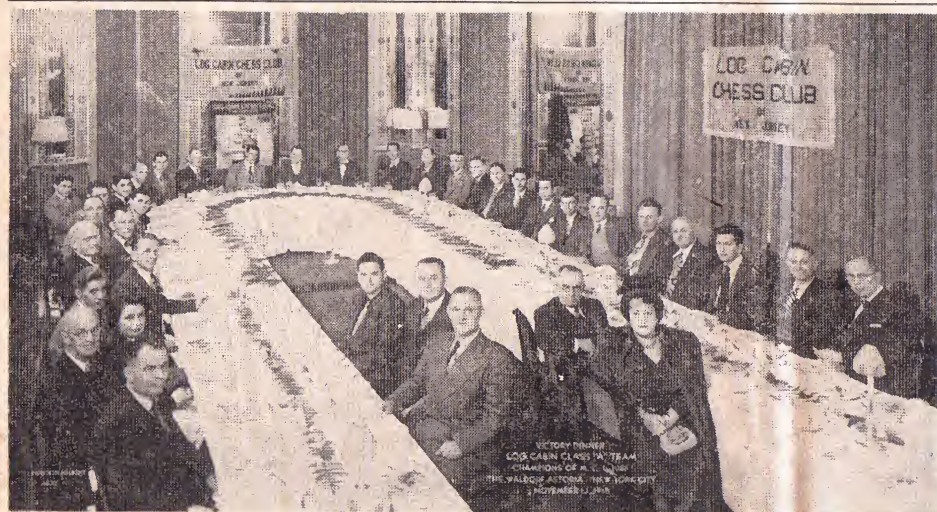


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MARSHALL MATCHES PARIS



LOG CABIN CHESS CLUB CELEBRATES

ROBERT BYRNE TOPS EVANS IN ANNUAL LIGHTNING MEET *Twenty-One Chess Players Competed In Seventh U.S. Annual Lightning Tourney*

Displacing Max Pavey, who did not defend his title, Robert Byrne of Yale, 1947 Intercollegiate Champion, won the Seventh Annual U. S. Lightning Tournament with a score of 8-1, drawing with Dr. Mengarini and younger brother, Donald Byrne. Second place went to Larry Evans with a score of 7-2, representing losses to Robert Byrne and Julius Partos. Third place was captured by Partos with 6½-6½, while Herbert Seidman placed fourth with 5-4. Donald Byrne and Dr. Mengarini tied for fifth with 4½-4½ each.

In the preliminaries in Section B, Robert Byrne captured first place with 8½-1½, losing to Dr. Ariel Mengarini and drawing with Jeremiah Donovan. F. Howard and Dr. Mengarini placed in a tie behind him for second with 7½-2½ each. In Section A Donald Byrne topped the field with 6½-2½, while Larry Evans and George Krauss tied for second with 6-3 each.

The tournament was held at the quarters of the Log Cabin Chess Club in West Orange, N. J. with Richard W. Wayne acting as tournament director and Forry E. Laucks of the Log Cabin and Vincent Starke serving as the general managers. Twenty-one players were present, including representation from the New York Metropolitan area, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., and Cleveland, Ohio.

In the consolation tournament, Julius Goodman of Cleveland scored 5½-1½ to win first place, repeating his performance of a year ago in Brooklyn.

PORTSMOUTH TOPS NO. SHORE LEAGUE

With a final match score of 6-0 the Portsmouth (N. H.) Chess Club swept the North Shore Chess League with a game score of 27½ victories. Second was Haverhill (Mass.) Chess Club with 18½ in the four-team double-round contest of the League.

NORTH SHORE CHESS LEAGUE

Final Standings

Portsmouth Chess (N. H.)	27½
Haverhill Chess (Mass.)	18½
Newburyport Chess (Mass.)	16½
Lawrence Chess (Mass.)	9½

PHILA SERVES CHESS TREAT

The World Hobby Exposition held at the Convention Hall in Philadelphia became a real chess treat when the Mercantile Library Chess Association maintained a large booth with 12 tables for chess which were constantly in use.

E. R. Glover, president of the MLCA, and Norman T. Whitaker were on duty every day from 1 to 11 p.m. and were assisted by others of the "Merc's" 180 members. Large new boards and men, furnished by the Gallant Knight Co. of Chicago, were used and a large assortment of chess books published by the McKay Publishing Co. of Philadelphia were on display.

MEMORIAL HIGH RETAINS TROPHY

In the High School Team Tournament sponsored by the Jersey City YMCA Chess Club and held at the Hoboken YMCA, the Memorial High School chess team defeated the Demarest High School team twice by scores of 3-2 and 4-1 to retain custody of the Paul Helbig trophy.

CCLA CELEBRATES RECORD YEAR

With the assigning of the 1948 Leaderships the CCLA wound up a full year of record breaking tournaments. In every one of the events there were more entries than in any year in the League's history.

In the Leaderships, Special and Regular, there were over 120 entries. Last year there were only 103.

The largest tournament of the year, as in all years, was the 1948 Grand National, for the official Correspondence Chess Championship of the U. S. A. for 1948. There were more than 480 contestants signed up for the event. This is considerably larger than any previous Grand National. Over 50 sections were required to divide the players successfully. New York and California each entered enough men to make a full separate division in each state.

The CCLA too set a record in membership. Its members now look with pride on their rapidly growing group and find every reason to believe it is one of the finest and strongest correspondence chess organizations in existence.

LOUISVILLE HAS NEW CHESS CLUB

A new chess club of 40 members resulted from the chess classes at the Louisville (Ky.) YMCA sponsored jointly by the YMCA and the Louisville Chess Club. The YMCA has offered generous clubroom facilities for the new club.

Howard Kearley, formerly of Washington, was elected president of the new organization; A. McCarthy vice-president; Miss Grayce Bishop secretary-treasurer; and Jackie Mayer, Kentucky Junior Champion, was named corresponding secretary. The group meets Wednesday nights at the Louisville YMCA at 7:30.

U. S. CHALLENGES FRANCE TO DUEL BY ATLANTIC CABLE *New York vs. Paris Cable Chess Match Planned By Marshall Chess Club*

Sunday, December 19, sees the chess experts of Paris and New York pitted against each other by Atlantic cable in a match of eight boards, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., New York time. The American team will play from the rooms of the Marshall Chess Club in New York, which sponsors the event, and the team will be captained by Dr. Edward Lasker, who arranged the match for the Marshall Chess Club.

The American team will have Reuben Fine (World Championship contender) on board one and the other places will be filled by: Isaac Kashdan (1947 Open Champion), I. A. Horowitz (Editor of Chess Review), Milton Hanauer (former New York State Champion), Joseph Faucher (New Jersey Champion), Jack W. Collins (Brooklyn Chess Club Champion), and Mrs. Gisella Kahn Gresser (U. S. Women's Co-Champion).

The French team will be captained by Dr. O. S. Bernstein, Franco-Russian internationalist. Mrs. Gresser will be matched against Mme. Chaude de Silans, Woman Champion of France. At New York Marcel Duchamp, artist, will serve as French umpire for the match.

RAGAN CAPTURES MISSOURI TITLE

Youth again triumphs as John Ragan, 18-year old St. Louisian who first tried his hand at chess only two years ago, bested the veteran H. Wesenberg of Kansas City in a play-off game to take possession of the 1948 Missouri State Championship. Ragan, a studious and industrious young player with a natural talent for the game proved a startling upset in the six round Swiss when he tied H. Wesenberg in the regular tournament with a score of 5-1, conceding his only loss to Wesenberg, while Wesenberg yielded a loss to R. Schooler.

Fifteen players competed in the six-round Swiss event conducted by the Missouri State Chess Association. C. Harrold and R. Schooler tied for third with 4-2 each, while R. Vollman and R. Pooble tied for fifth with 3½-2½. These ties were not broken in the final standing.

ROZSA REPEATS IN OKLAHOMA

In the third annual tournament of the Oklahoma Chess Association, Dr. Bela Rozsa, professor of music at Tulsa University and USCF Vice-President, for the third successive time captured the Oklahoma Championship with a score of 4½-½, ceding his only draw to S. J. Mayfield, who placed second.

Third place went to J. H. Gill, fourth place to E. N. Anderson, and fifth place to D. K. Higginbotham. Miss Maxine Cutlip won the woman's title as highest-ranking woman player in the five round Swiss which had 32 entrants.

With the youngest entrant aged 17 and the oldest, Dr. Howard Carleton, Sr. (Cooperston) at the tender age of 85, it was evident that Chess in Oklahoma appeals to all ages.

ULVESTAD PLANS EXTENSIVE TOUR

Olaf Ulvestad, well known chess analyst who placed in a tie for third in the recent U.S. Championship, is planning an extensive tour of the country. Leaving Seattle on January 20th, he will tour the Pacific Coast until February 5th. From February 7th to March 1st he will be in Texas. During March he will cross Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. In April he will be in Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

Mr. Ulvestad is offering a regular simultaneous exhibition up to 40 boards, plus choice of one of the following half-hour features: 1) a two-board simultaneous blind-folded speed display with Mr. Ulvestad allowing himself 15 seconds maximum per move; 2) a lecture-game, highlighted and explained with a talk on new ideas in the opening.

Clubs interested in engaging Mr. Ulvestad may address him for a date as: Olaf Ulvestad, 2113 - 41 Avenue, S.W., Seattle 6, Wash. not later than January 15th, 1949.

From January 20th to February 5th, address Ulvestad, care of F. A. Lasnier, 714 Greer Lane, Palo Alto, California.

MICHIGAN PLANS OPEN TOURNEY

The Michigan State Chess Association voted on November 21 to make a change in the style of the annual Championship Tournament. In previous years it has been a Round Robin Tournament with entrants limited to one to each club holding membership in the state association. In 1949 the tournament will be an open tournament and will be conducted along Swiss System lines. It will be held on two week-ends, one of which will be the Fourth of July holiday week-end. This is of an experimental nature for 1949 and future years plans will depend on the outcome of this trial. This procedure fits in quite well with the recent action in Michigan in putting the membership on an individual basis. Certain features of the club membership have been retained, but the emphasis has now been placed on individual membership, conforming with the National Chess Coordination Program adopted recently.

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A MATTER OF COURTESY

We are painfully aware that in this rough, rude world of ours the aftermath of two destructive wars includes a decline of most of the gentler arts, and in particular courtesy has suffered as the most frequent victim of the harshness of our times.

We are not therefore surprised to note that Mr. Reuben Fine in the November issue of Chess Review indulges in an "Open Letter" in which he demands that the U. C. Chess Federation and FIDE "should immediately take steps to rectify the situation."

We will not now discuss the merits or demerits of the situation to which Mr. Fine objects; we will merely indicate that the situation referred to concerns Mr. Reshevsky's right to challenge Botvinnik to a match. And if Mr. Reshevsky feels that he has been injured, it is his privilege to offer a protest. We have not heard that he has appointed Mr. Fine as his agent with power of attorney.

But what does concern us is the lack of courtesy once again revealed by Mr. Fine's actions. If Mr. Fine feels that the USCF and FIDE should act upon a given matter, he certainly is aware of the correct names and address of the gentlemen to whom he should confide his complaint. When he chooses to write open letters, he is suspect as being more desirous of gaining publicity than in correcting any possible error.

We are referring, of course, to the last paragraph of Mr. Fine's opus. He is quite justified in revealing in its earlier paragraphs the fantastic and ridiculous absurdity of the article by Arthur Krivis in the Moscow News, although the article needs no refutation—being too nonsensical for even the gullible to swallow.

Montgomery Major

The Reader's Road To Chess

By Dr. Kester Svendsen

DIE MODERNE SCHACHPARTIE by Kurt Richter; Berlin: Horizont Verlag, 1948.

His instructive book, printed in the American sector of Berlin, is an introduction to modern theory and practice in selected openings. Herr Richter, author of the delightful *Kurzgeschichten um Schachfiguren*, publisher of *Deutsche Schachblätter*, and 1948 champion of Berlin, divides his text into five major sections. Chapter 2, "The Black King's Bishop," is typical. In separate analyses followed by closely annotated illustrative games, it treats the Nimzoindian, the King's and Queen's Indian, and the Budapest defences, with special emphasis on the role of the Black KD. The Nimzoindian, to mention only one, is exemplified in the games Teschner-B. Koch (Leipzig 1946), Flohr-Keres (Leningrad 1947), Botvinnik-Kotov (Groningen 1946), Botvinnik-Alexander (Radio match 1946), Euwe-Denker (Groningen 1946), and Lillenthal-Kotov (Moscow 1946). This pattern makes educational reading for anyone with a smattering of German. In fact, any chessplayer with a dictionary can find his way through the eighty-two games without trouble, because chess terminology is stereotyped in most annotations.

All of the games here except one are from the period 1945-1947, and they are about equally divided between those of the grandmasters and those of the rising stars in the European and particularly the German chess world. The English language periodicals occasionally carry some of these games by the lesser continental masters, but commonly without notes. The annotations here, like the introductions to the opening variations, are intended to be practical and eclectic, not exhaustive. The book that results from this plan is an interesting collection of some familiar games treated afresh and some new games to compare them with. I append one of the latter, unlikely to be found elsewhere, to encourage my betters to familiarize themselves with algebraic notation; to do this is to learn another language, the chess language of Europe. Allgaier Gambit. Tordion-Ottoman (Schweiz 1947): 1. e4 e5 2. f4 ef4: 3. Sf3 g5 4. h4 g4/5. Sg5 h6 6. Sf7: Kf7: 7. d4 d5 8. Lf4: de4: 9. Lc4 Kg6 10. Sc3 Lb4 11. Le5 Lc3: 12. bc3: Sf6 13. 0-0 Sbd7? 14. De2! Tf8 15. Tf4 Se5: 16. de5: Sg8 17. De4: Kg8 18. Tf1 Tf4: 19. Tf4: De7 20. Lg8: Kg8: 21. Dg6 Dg7 22. De8 Kh7 23. Tf7 a5 24. e6 b6 25. De7 Resigns.

Sacrifice for an idea calls forth in us homage and admiration even where the idea itself may not meet with our full approval. In chess, in which we like to see a counterpart of life, a sacrifice raises similar feelings in us. We are inclined, subconsciously, to rate a sacrificial combination more highly than positional play. We instinctively place the moral value above the scientific. We honor Capablanca, but our hearts beat higher at the mention of the name of Morphy.

From "The Art of Sacrifice in Chess" by Rudolph Spielmann.

Problems of Chess Life

Edited by Dr. P. G. Keeney

Address all communications for this column to Dr. P. G. Keeney, 123 East 7th St., New York, Ky., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope if reply is requested.

When this issue of CHESS LIFE reaches its readers another Christmas will have arrived or be "just around the corner."

Christmas celebration of course is in honor of the birth of Christ and it is at that time, of all days in the year, when there seems to be "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men." With that thought dominating my mind, and the Christmas spirit ruling my heart, I desire to wish (without malice to anyone) the Editor, Associate Editors and all readers of CHESS LIFE a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And now who is playing Santa Claus for the problem lovers this Christmas? Why, none other than my good friend, Burney Marshall of Shreveport, La.

Mr. Marshall, like most of the old timers, including myself, loves to revive memories of the past and attempts to prove that in the problem world of his youth there were just as good problem geniuses existing then as there are today. Can anyone truthfully deny after solving the problems he resurrected for CHESS LIFE's issue today, that there were "giants in those days"?

Submitting the problems diagrammed below, Mr. Marshall wrote:

"As the Christmas season approaches, my mind in chess goes back to the time of 53 years ago, 1895,

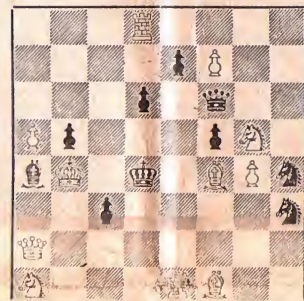
when I was a little fellow and used to work problems on the carpet in front of the large open fireplace at our old home located about 25 miles south of this city (Shreveport). We used to get the New Orleans papers, 'Times-Democrat' and 'States' and each week I would look forward with joy to their arrival. Mr. J. D. Seguin was problem editor of the T-D,

and Mr. J. A. Galbreath of the 'States'. I used to send in the solutions and received much encouragement from them. Mr. B. Barnett used to contribute problems to the T-D, and I recall seeing some of his 'catchy' little two-movers. Mr. Alain C. White had several problems published and this was my first introduction to his work.

A few years ago, I made up a collection of some of the problems I used to know in my early age. I enclose four of them which were my favorites in past days. There was also a 3-er by M. Ehrenstein that appeared in both T-D and the States.

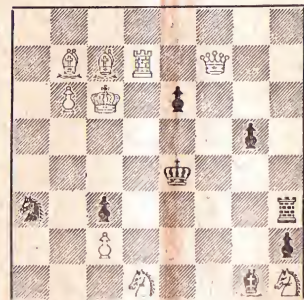
I am just sending you these as some of the memories of the fifty-three years ago: 'Golden Jubilee' memories. I certainly enjoyed reading your write-up of the old time chess men, particularly the history of Mr. Lyons, that was published in CHESS LIFE several months ago.

Problem No. 59
By T. E. Ewing
First Prize—"The School Master"
London Tourney, 1894
Black: 10 men



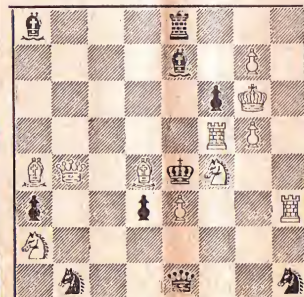
White: 11 men
Sf4, d4p2, f4d2, f4g3Sf1,
bKf1Bf3, 2d4s, Q7, SRR2
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 60
By James Rayner (Leeds)
First Prize—St. James Budget, 1894
Also pub. in N. O. States, 1896
Black: 8 men



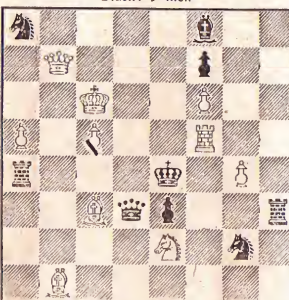
White: 9 men
S, fBRf2, f4Kf3, 4p1, 4K3,
s4p1, 2p4p, S2d5s.
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 62
By P. F. Blake (Manchester)
From "Chess Lyrics" No. 14
Pub. in N. O. States, 1895
Black: 10 men



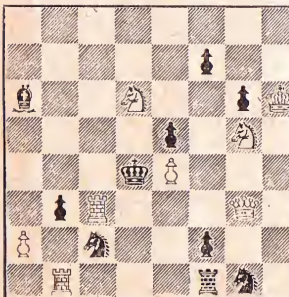
White: 11 men
b3s4, 4b1P1, 5pKf1, 5RP1,
bQ1BkS2, 2p2P2R, S7, 1s2q2s
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 61
By S. M. Joseph (New York)
First Prize—"Brighton Society,"
1895
Also pub. Times-Democrat, 1895
Black: 9 men



White: 10 men
f4b2, 1Q8p2, 3Kf2, f4p2f2,
r3Kf1, 2Bq2r, 4Sf1, 1B6
White mates in two moves

Problem No. 63
By Moritz Ehrenstein (Budapest)
First Prize—"Saak Szemle"
Also pub. in "Chess Monthly," 1895
Black: 10 men



White: 8 men
S, 5p2, b2S2pK, 4p1S1, 3Kf3,
1pRQf1, f1s2p2, 1R3s1
White mates in two moves

Chess Life In New York

By Milton Finkelstein

TOURNAMENT NOTES: New York's clubs are deep in throes of their annual competitions, and most of the city's top players are involved in them. At the Marshall Chess Club, Carl Pinlick has taken the lead. The ending of the preliminaries at the Manhattan Chess Club finds six players qualifying for the finals. These six include Brazilian diplomat Vasconcellos, Jack Soudakoff and Herbert Avram, three players who will help assure a tough battle for present champion Bisguier.

The ever-growing Brooklyn Chess Club found it necessary to run its championship preliminaries in three sections. Late standings show Ted Knorr as the high scorer with 6-0, while Brooklyn College's Sol Wametik is close behind with 5½-2.

The Interscholastic Chess League title, and the Marshall Chess Club Trophy, have changed hands. The Stuyvesant High School quartet captained by Elliot Hearst defeated the ex-champions, the Bronx H. S. of Science, in a play-off match (2½-1½) after these two had paced a field of 13 teams in the regular season's play. The Stuyvesant players then went ahead to take four of the five prizes in a rapid-transit tourney which was won by Hearst.

18 teams are competing in two sections in the Commercial Chess League program. The Investment Bankers team leads in Group A, while the R. H. Macy team holds top position in Group B. Two more rounds remain to be conducted in this biggest of Commercial League events.

LATE FLASH! The Marshall Chess Club will sponsor a match between New York and Paris, in which such masters as Fine and Kashdan will oppose a French team headed by Tartakower and Dr. Bernstein. More details after the event.

Memorial Chess Dates

Compiled by A. Buschke

December

THE RED LETTER DAY OF CHESS:

- 24 1850 Ed Mazel, Austrian problemist and author, born
- 1808 Emanuel Lasker, Chess Champion of the World 1894-1921, born
- 1808 Richard Teichmann, German grandmaster, born
- 1882 F. Treybal, strong Czech player, born
- 25 1847 W. Shinkman, American chess problemist, born
- 1856 J. Salminger, German problemist, born
- 1891 (old style?) K. A. L. Kubbel, the most prominent of Russian problemists, born
- 26 1852 J. N. Rabson, American problemist (Fair Chess), born
- 1889 J. Scheel, Swedish problem master, born
- 1907 S. Limbach, Polish master, chess editor, born
- 27 1852 M. Andl, American master, born
- 1890 W. Grimshaw, English composer, died
- 1894 (old style?) H. Mattison, Estonian master, born
- 1916 H. Suetting, German master, died
- 1918 C. Schlechter, Austrian grandmaster, died
- 30 1916 J. Pospisil, Czech problemist, died
- 31 1848 A. Lion, English grandmaster, born
- 1860 Berthold Lasker, strong German master, Emanuel L's brother and teacher, born
- 1870 J. Fridlitzius, Swedish problemist, born

HUDSON COUNTY SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

Demerest	High	Memorial	High
William Wu	1	Frank Peretti	0
John Wu	1	Charles Selneske	0
Henry Goldfinger	0	Eugene Romano	0
forfeit	0	Fred Kreitzberg	1
John Field	0	John Peretti	1
Demerest	2	Memorial	3
Memorial	High	Demerest	High
Frank Peretti	1	William Wu	0
Charles Selneske	0	John Wu	1
Eugene Romano	0	Eugene Romano	0
Fred Kreitzberg	1	Maurice Yoffee	0
John Peretti	1	Bernard Ziegler	0
Memorial	4	Demerest	1

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Chess For The Tired Business Man

By Fred Reinfeld

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The Last Straw

Of many a desperately cramped position it may still be said that while there's life there's hope. As long as the avenues of approach are fairly well blocked, some semblance of defense is always possible. It is when the lines are opened up that resistance crumbles and brilliant sacrifices become feasible. In the following game, Gunsberg's badly reasoned 16... BxKt? brings on the catastrophe.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

British Championship, 1908
White: Black
W. PALMER I. GUNSBERG
1. P-Q4 P-Q4
2. P-QB3 P-QB3
3. Kt-QB3 P-K2
4. Kt-B3 P-QB3

Black's wheezing play encourages his opponent to proceed energetically.
5. P-K4 P-KP
6. Kt-P Kt-B3
7. B-Q3 Kt-Q2
8. O-O Kt-Kt
9. B-Kt B-K2
10. B-B2 O-O
11. O-Q3 P-KK3

White was threatening to force this weakness by means of B-Kt5. It is already pathetically obvious that Black must dance to White's tune.

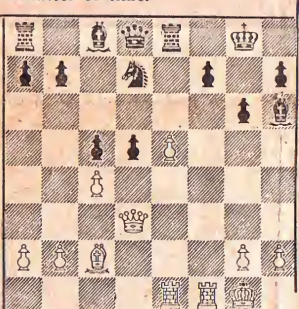
12. B-R6 R-K1
13. Kt-K5 Kt-Q2
14. P-B4 P-QB4

Trying to free himself, he only plunges deeper into trouble.

15. P-Q5! B-B3
If 15... PxP; 16. Kt-BP! KxKt; 17. QxQch, K-B3; 18. P-B5! and wins.

16. QR-K1 BxKt?
Bulldog hanging on with 16... Kt-B1 was all that was left. The text opens the KB file, with disastrous consequences.

17. P-B PxP
Allowing a neat finish; but with the KB file open, the end is only a matter of time.



18. RxP!!
At once utilizing the open file.
19. KxR; 19. QxQch, R-K3;
20. R-B1ch, K-K2; 21. B-Kt ch etc.
21. R-Kt7ch R-K1
22. RxKt! Resigns
"This is so sudden!" The point is that if 20... RxR; 21. RxPch! leads to mate!

(One of many brilliant games included in RELAX WITH CHESS by Fred Reinfeld, published by the Pitman Publishing Corporation.)

MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
J. Hagan WS	W4	W6	L2	W3	W9	5-1	
Wegenberg WS	W3	W1	L4	W6	5-1		
C. Harrold L6	W9	W15	W7	L1	W4	4-2	
Schoeller W10	L1	W19	W11	W3	L2	4-2	
Vollmar D12	L2	D8	D15	W11	W13	3-3	
R. Poohle W3	W15	L1	W13	D7	L2	3-3	
H. Hardy W11	L13	W14	L3	D6	W10	3-3	
Leonard L1	D10	D5	W14	L13	W12	3-3	
R. Kent L13	L3	W12	W15	L1	W13	3-3	
T. Jackson L4	D8	L11	W14	W7	L2	3-3	
Pimmig L7	D12	W10	L4	L5	W12	2-4	
Susskind D5	D11	L4	L9	W16	L8	2-4	
Zellmeyer W9	W7	L2	L4	L5	2-4		
Espinosa L15	W16	L7	L8	L10	W15	0-6	
Goodwin W14	L6	L3	D5	L9	W15	1-5	

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From the Editor's Mail-Bag

The Kibitzer

Dear Sir:

The well-known Austrian chess master and problemist, Johann Victor Uehla, editor of SCHACH MAGAZIN, founded in 1946, is suffering from advanced tuberculosis, and the only thing that can save this 40-year old chess enthusiast from dying within a few months is 60 gram Dihydrostreptomycin or Streptomycin, which is unavailable in Europe. He writes very touchingly that he would not even mind dying but for his wife and young daughter who are left without funds due to the costs of his illness.

I can personally vouch for the integrity and character of this man, whom I know personally. Whoever would like to help in the spirit of the Season, could either send any amount of this drug to Johann Victor Uehla, Lungenheilanstalt Baumgartnerhoehe, Pavillon Karlshaus, Sanatoriumstrasse 2, Vienna XIV, AUSTRIA, by air mail (as there is great hurry) or send contributions to Eric M. Hassberg, 757 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn 22, N.Y. The full amount of all contributions will be used for the purchase of this drug, and I will gladly defray all additional expense of air freight.

ERIC M. HASSBERG
New York, N.Y.

For The Tournament-Minded

December 27-29
Midwest Collegiate Championship
Chicago, Illinois

To be played at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 West Madison St.; sponsored by Midwest College Chess Federation; open to all mid-western college undergraduates; entry fee \$1.50; begins at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 27; for details write Roy A. Berg, Jr., 104 North Lincoln, Urbana, Illinois.

December 29-30
Illinois Junior Championship
Chicago, Illinois

1949 Junior championship open to all state residents under 21; played at Chess Club of Chicago, 185 West Madison St., beginning 9:00 Wednesday; entry fee \$1.25; for details write Albert Sandrin, Jr., 1826 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 16, Ill.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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U. S. LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP

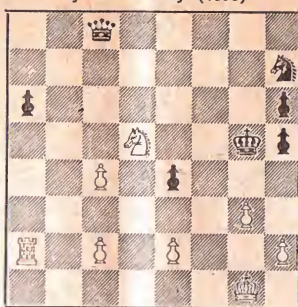
Final Championship Round-Robin

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
R. Byrne	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-1
L. Evans	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-2
J. Partos	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6-3
H. Seidman	0	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	5-4
D. Byrne	0	0	1	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	4-5
A. Mengarini	0	0	0	1	1	x	0	1	1	1	4-5
P. Howard	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	0	1	1	4-5
O. Kraus	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	0	1	3-6
J. Donovan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	2-6
E. McCormick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-9

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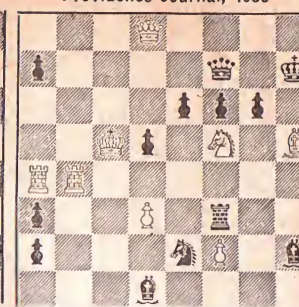
Players	W	L	D	Totals
D. Byrne	6	2	1	63-23
Evans	5	2	2	6-3
Kraus	6	3	0	6-3
McCormick	5	4	0	5-4
Seidman	4	3	2	5-4
Pinick	4	5	0	4-5
Saxer	4	4	0	4-5
Helm	3	5	1	31-54
Michals	3	6	0	3-6
Persinger	1	6	2	2-7

Position No. 43
By A. Troitzky (1898)



2q5, 7a, p0p, 8s2p, 2P1b3,
6P1, R1P1P2P, 6K1
White to play and win

Position No. 44
Providence Journal, 1936



3Q4, p4qk, 4pp1, 2Kp1S1B,
1R6, p2P1R, p3P1B, 3b4
White to play and win

White To Play And Win!

Conducted by William Rojman

Position No. 4 is another fine example of the clarity of composition which distinguished the work of the great Russian endgame composer, Troitzky. The theme is a simple concept: by threat of mate, trap the Black Queen. The execution of this theme is artistic and economical.

Position No. 44 was submitted by chess editor Sven Brask of the Attleboro Sun as the most remarkable endgame position he has ever seen. Its composer is unknown, but it was published in Providence Journal during the days when the late Harold Morton was chess editor of that paper. For lovers of the fine art of suicidal splendor, it is a gem of many sacrifices, for White mates with a lone surviving Pawn.

Solutions will be published in the issue of January 5, 1949.

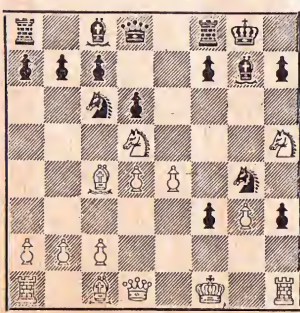
Clarity The Purpose, Says Tuffley In Defining The "Tuffley System"

The recognized drawbacks to the Descriptive System of Chess Notation and to the Algebraic System as well gain point as more and more chess players indulge in international correspondence chess games. It is admitted that the Algebraic System is more exact, for it does not permit the ambiguities inherent in a careless use of the Descriptive System. But both systems have the identical weakness—they use initials for the names of the pieces, and these initials are different in almost every language. The Bishop (as the most perplexing example) is B in English, L in German and Dutch, F in French and Hungarian, A in Italian and Spanish, S in Czech, G in Polish, and C in Russian.

To conquer these difficulties of language, the International Correspondence Chess Association has adopted a numerical code. In this code QR1 is White to move, QR1 is 21, QB1 is 31, Q1 is 41, K1 is 51, KB1 is 61, KK1 is 71, and KR1 is 81. In the next rank QR2 is 12, QK2 is 22; so QR3 is 13 and QK3 is 23, etc., numbering always from the White side of the board. Moves are indicated by the number of the square on which the man stands and the number of the square to which it moves. Therefore P-K4 becomes simply 5254; Kt(B)xP-(Q4) becomes 6344. Castling is indicated by the move of the King only, so that 0-0 for White is 5171 and for Black 5878, while 0-0-0 for White is 5131 and for Black 5838.

Independently of the ICCA code, Mr. R. A. Tuffley of San Diego has developed his own "Tuffley System" which is a little more elaborate in its details, but has the advantage that it can also be used to replace the Forsythe notation in recording a position (which cannot be recorded in the ICCA code). In the "Tuffley System" White numbers the squares from the side of the board and Black numbers from his own side, as in the Descriptive System. Thus QR1 is 1, QK1 is 2, QB1 is 3, Q1 is 4, K1 is 5, KB1 is 6, KK1 is 7, KR1 is 8. QR2 becomes 12, QK2 becomes 22, QB2 becomes 32. QR3 is 13, QK3 is 23, QB3 is 33, etc.

Used to note down a position, the "Tuffley System" indicates pieces on their own squares by a single number, pawns by double numbers, and pieces not on their own squares by triple numbers. Thus the diagram below is recorded as White: 12, 22, 32, 44, 54, 73, 1, 3, 4, 8, 245, 634, 561, 785. Black: 12, 32, 22, 43, 62, 66, 82, 86, 1, 3, 4, 233, 571, 861, 672, 775.



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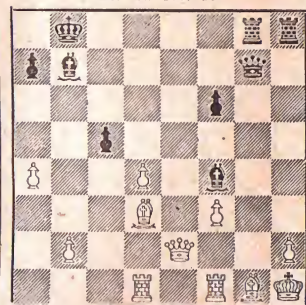
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Chess Life Abroad

By George Koltanowski

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?
Position No. 16



1k4r, p4q1, 6p2, 2p5,
P2P1b2, 8P1P2, 1P2Q2P, 3R1RBK
Black to move

Send solutions (the main line of play to Position No. 16 to the Editor of CHESS LIFE by January 5, 1949.

Solution to Position No. 13

Position occurred in 8 board simultaneous blindfold exhibition in Chicago, Calif. White: G. Koltanowski; Black: Caverly. 1. P-Ktch1, PxP (if 1... K-R1; 2. QxP mate); 2. Kt-K5 ch, K-R1 (if 2... PxKt; 3. QxP wins easily); 3. Kt-B7! QxKt; 4. QxP ch, K-R2; 5. PxP. Resigns.
Correct solutions are acknowledged received from Samuel Baron (Brooklyn), Sven Brask (Attleboro, Mass.), Russell Chauvet (College Park, Md.), Charles French (Richmond Hill, N.Y.), Dr. Howard B. Gaba (Detroit), Edw. J. Korpany (Maspeth, N.Y.), Kenneth Lay (Madison, Wis.), Leo McCauley (Detroit), Lee Magee (Osnaburg), Nathan Nash (Washington), Frank A. Neal (San Francisco), R. T. Price (Amarillo), E. A. Seymour (New Orleans), Oscar Shapiro (Washington), Joe Faucher (Garden City, N.Y.), J. E. Comstock (Cholula), Dr. M. Erman (Detroit), Joseph Huss (Lancaster, Pa.), R. Klein (Atlantic Beach, Fla.), Vincent Sprague (Cleveland), Dr. Julius Weingart (Des Moines).

Solution to Position No. 14

White: Perlasse; Black: Grassl. Played in 1907. It was a wild and woolly game, in which Black took all the pawns only to find this finish coming up: 1. Qxth1, KxQ; 2. Kt-Qch, K-B1 (Q-K4 leads to a quicker mate); 3. Kt-Kch1, KxR; 4. R-Kis ch, K-K2; 5. Kt-B5 mate.
Correct solutions were received from: Sven Brask (Attleboro), Russell Chauvet (College Park), J. E. Comstock (Duluth), Dr. J. M. Erman (Detroit), J. Faucher (Garden City), Howard B. Gaba, (Detroit), J. Huss (Lancaster), Leslie E. Kilmer (Elmira), Edw. J. Korpany (Maspeth), Kenneth Lay (Ripon), Lee Magee (Lincoln), Edmund Nash (Washington), Frank A. Neal (San Francisco), R. T. Price (Washington), Vince Sprague (Cleveland), E. A. Seymour (New Orleans). Congratulations!

CHASING THE QUEEN!

A series of combinations on a well-known theme!

Position No. 1: 1r1r2k1, 2q2ppp, 3pb3, 4p3, 1p2P3, 5B2, PPPR1QPP, 3R3K. White: Rowner (to move) Black; Kamisow; Moscow, 1947. 1. Q-R7! Q-R4; 2. QxRP, Q-B2; 3. Q-R7! and Black resigned.

Position No. 2: 2r1r1k1, p1q1ppp, 3p1b2, 3P4, 3Q4, 5S2, PP2RPPP, 4R1K1. White: Adams (to move); Black: Torre; New Orleans, 1920. 1. Q-KK4!; Q-Kt4; 2. Q-QB4!; Q-Q2; 3. Q-B7, Q-Kt4; 4. P-QR4!; QxRP; 5. R-K4, Q-Kt4; 6. QxKtP! Black resigns.
Position No. 3: 2k1r3, 1pp2p2, p2p1B1p, 3b1S1q, 1P4p1, 2Q1B1P1, P4R1P, 7K. White: N. N.; Black; Kostrovicki (to move); Riga, 1899. 1... QxB1; 2. Q-B1, Q-Kt7!; 3. Q-B1, QxR!; 4. QxQ, R-KSch1; 5. QxR, P-B7 ch, followed by mate.

The Gyon tournament was won by Rico with 8 pts. 2. B. H. Wood 7½; 3. L. Prins, Perez and Toran 6½ each; 6. Gilmayo 5½. There were 11 players.
Almeria, Spain: Young Arturito Pomar was first with 7½ pts; 2. Rico 7; 3. Toran (also only 16) 6 pts, etc. 11 players.

Mikenas won the championship of Lithuania with 12 pts out of 15. Cholmov won the championship of White Russia with 11½ out of 13 pts.

N. Rossolimo won the championship of France. 12 players.

Say You Saw It In CHESS LIFE.

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QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENSE U. S. Lightning Championship West Orange, 1948 "Good Knight"

White	Black
1. P-Q4	17. Q-R1
2. P-QB4	18. P-Q5
3. P-KB3	19. P-K3
4. P-KK3	20. P-B4
5. B-K2	21. K-P4
6. Q-K1	22. R-K6
7. O-O	23. Q-R1
8. Q-R3	24. Q-K3
9. R-K1	25. K-K3
10. P-B2	26. Kt-B4
11. P-QK4	27. Kt-P4
12. B-K2	28. P-B4
13. Q-K3	29. Q-KK3
14. B-K1	30. Kt-B4
15. Kt-Q2	31. Kt-R4
16. K-B	32. Kt-Q2

SICILIAN DEFENSE U. S. Lightning Championship West Orange, 1948 "Good to the last Rook"

White	Black
1. P-K4	16. B-P4
2. P-KB4	17. P-P4
3. Kt-QB3	18. Kt-Q4
4. Kt-B3	19. Kt-R4
5. B-K5	20. B-K3
6. Q-B2	21. Q-K3
7. O-O	22. P-K1
8. B-Kt	23. Kt-B2
9. Kt-K2	24. Kt(B)-Kt
10. P-K5	25. Q-O
11. Kt-K3	26. P-KK3
12. P-B3	27. P-KB2
13. P-B5	28. K-B2
14. P-Q4	29. R-K2
15. P-QP	30. R-K1

GIUOCO PIANO U. S. Biennial Championship South Fallsburg, 1948 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	Black
1. P-K4	16. B-P4
2. Kt-B4	17. P-P4
3. Kt-QB3	18. Kt-Q4
4. Kt-B3	19. Kt-R4
5. B-K5	20. B-K3
6. Q-B2	21. Q-K3
7. O-O	22. P-K1
8. B-Kt	23. Kt-B2
9. Kt-K2	24. Kt(B)-Kt
10. P-K5	25. Q-O
11. Kt-K3	26. P-KK3
12. P-B3	27. P-KB2
13. P-B5	28. K-B2
14. P-Q4	29. R-K2
15. P-QP	30. R-K1

White	Black
1. P-K4	16. B-P4
2. Kt-B4	17. P-P4
3. Kt-QB3	18. Kt-Q4
4. Kt-B3	19. Kt-R4
5. B-K5	20. B-K3
6. Q-B2	21. Q-K3
7. O-O	22. P-K1
8. B-Kt	23. Kt-B2
9. Kt-K2	24. Kt(B)-Kt
10. P-K5	25. Q-O
11. Kt-K3	26. P-KK3
12. P-B3	27. P-KB2
13. P-B5	28. K-B2
14. P-Q4	29. R-K2
15. P-QP	30. R-K1

White	Black
1. P-K4	16. B-P4
2. Kt-B4	17. P-P4
3. Kt-QB3	18. Kt-Q4
4. Kt-B3	19. Kt-R4
5. B-K5	20. B-K3
6. Q-B2	21. Q-K3
7. O-O	22. P-K1
8. B-Kt	23. Kt-B2
9. Kt-K2	24. Kt(B)-Kt
10. P-K5	25. Q-O
11. Kt-K3	26. P-KK3
12. P-B3	27. P-KB2
13. P-B5	28. K-B2
14. P-Q4	29. R-K2
15. P-QP	30. R-K1

NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE Tri-State Championship Wheeling, 1948 Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White	Black
1. P-K4	16. B-P4
2. P-Q4	17. P-P4
3. P-KB4	18. Kt-Q4
4. Kt-B3	19. Kt-R4
5. B-K5	20. B-K3
6. Q-B2	21. Q-K3
7. O-O	22. P-K1
8. B-Kt	23. Kt-B2
9. Kt-K2	24. Kt(B)-Kt
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Of course, after 18... BxR; 20. BxR ch,

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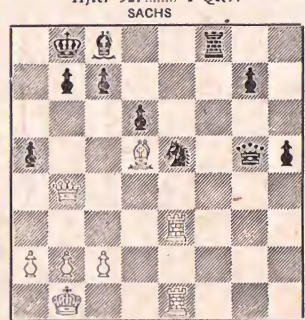
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K-R1; 21. BxP White's extra P and powerful position would be too much. Black is wise to give up the exchange for a second P and some freedom in return.
20. Kt-R(B)
He would do slightly better to take the other R since Black would be less well developed or else expose his K.
21. P-P BxP 22. R-K1 P-KR4
White, apparently becoming overconfident, fails to look for the best moves here and later on. 23. B-K2 would force the doubling of the Kt(B).
24. R-K4 Q-B4 25. R-K3
The loss of tempo here is only apparent. White has protected the BP and prepared the doubling of his Rs. Hence 24. R-K4 was not a mistake.
25. B-K5 26. R-B1
Not. 26. R(1)-K1, QxP; 27. R-KS ch, K-Q21
Here White gives up positional control of his K5 and KR5 hoping for the combination 27... BxP; 28. R-B1 (or 28. B-K6 ch), QxR; 29. B-K6 ch, QxR; 30. QxR, R-K5; 31. B-KS ch, Kt-K4 29. Q-K4 Q-K4
28. B-K6 ch Kt-K1
Using the weakened squares Black's Q and Kt suddenly become very active and the Kt(B) cannot be saved.
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31. B-Q5 B-B1 33. Kt-K1 P-QR4
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1. Kt-KB3	16. P-QB4
2. P-Q4	17. P-K3
3. P-K4	18. P-B4
4. P-KB3	19. Kt-B3
5. B-K5	20. B-K3
6. Q-B2	21. Q-K3
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5. B-K5	20. B-K3
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Trying to upset his opponent with a less well known line.
4. Kt-B3
He doesn't...
5. Kt-B3 P-QR4 7. Q-B2 BxKt
6. P-QR3 P-R5 8. P-B
On 8. QxR, Kt-K5!
8. P-Q3
Hoping to take advantage of White's weak (side) P.
9. B-K5 P-R3 13. P-KR3 B-Q2
10. B-R4 O-O 14. O-O Kt-QR4
11. P-K3 P-K4 15. Kt-Q2 P-QK3
12. B-K2 Q-K2 16. Kt-K4 P-KK4
Virtually forced.
17. Kt-Kt ch Q-Kt 19. P-B4!
18. P-K3 Q-K3
White's P movements are wonderful to behold.
19. P-K5
Nothing better.
20. P-KB5 Q-B3
Black hopes to get counterplay by giving the last P up immediately.
21. QxP Q-RK1 24. R-K1 B-B4
22. Q-Q3 Q-K2 25. P-Q5 Kt-B3
23. B-B3 Kt-Kt5
The point of Black's move Kt-Kt5. However his game is lost, as White so forcefully demonstrates.
26. B-Q2 B-K2 27. P-K4!
It cannot be taken either way because of B-Q3!
27. P-KB3 28. B-K6 B-R3
28. R-K3 Q-B2 32. P-R5 K-K12
29. Q-Q1 Q-Q2 33. R-Q5
30. B-R5 R-R1
After 33. P-K5!
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Black can resign.
33. PxP 36. QxP R-R1
34. BxP P-B 37. B-R7 ch K-B2
35. RxP K-B3 38. P-B6 Resigns
Yours truly had to play this guy in the first round.

GIUOCO PIANO New Hampshire Championship Concord, 1948 Notes by O. Lester

White	Black
1. P-K4	16. P-P4
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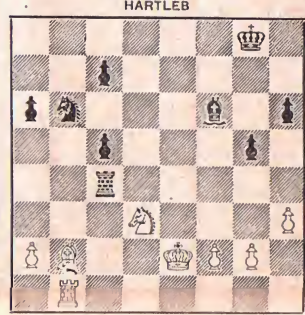
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RUY LOPEZ Pennsylvania State Championship Pittsburgh, 1948 Notes by F. Sorenson from the Pennsylvania State Bulletin

White	Black
1. P-K4	16. P-P4
2. Kt-B4	17. P-P4
3. Kt-QB3	18. Kt-Q4
4. Kt-B3	19. Kt-R4
5. B-K5	20. B-K3
6. Q-B2	21. Q-K3
7. O-O	22. P-K1
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White must not be permitted to play B-K5. He now attempts another method of simplification which, however, is not completely satisfactory.
15. P-K6 P-P 17. RxB B-B3!
16. BxP ch BxB
Now Black's plan is revealed. The attack on White's Q-side will tie down most of his pieces.
18. P-B3 Q-R1 19. K-B1
20. R-B4, Kt-B5; 20. R-K1, R-Q; ch; 21. R-K5, R-Q; 22. R-R, Kt-KP1; 23. BxP, R-QS ch; 24. R-R, Kt-R; 25. P-B4, Kt-B6; 26. P-QR3, Kt-B6, winning the QP.
19. R-Q8 ch 21. R-K1
20. R-K1 Kt-R5
Otherwise the B will be tied down forever.
21. P-KK4 23. Kt-R
22. P-KR3 R-R ch
And not 23. Kt-R, BxP; 24. PxB, Kt-P threatening R and mate.
23. R-Q8 24. K-K2 R-Q4!
The R now joins the attack on the P. Also... BxP is in the air.
25. Kt-Q3 P-B4
Weaker was 25... BxP?; 26. PxB, Kt-P ch; 27. R-Q2, Kt-R ch; 28. K-B2, and it is not clear how the Kt is to escape.
26. P-QB4?
Since there is no valid defense to Black's threat of P-B5 and R-Kt4, White goes in for a swindle, which almost deserves a better fate.
26. R-Q5 27. K-Q2 P-K4!
Far stronger than 27... R-P; 28. P-K2, R-Q5 (or 28... Kt-B6; 29. P-R, Kt-R ch; 30. K-B2, Kt-B6; 31. Kt-P); 29. P-Kt, P-B5; 30. R-P, drawing easily.
28. P-QK3 P-P 29. P-P
If 28. P-Kt, P-Kt; 29. B-Kt, R-Q3; 30. BxB (Black must not be allowed to keep his connected passed P), RxB; 30. KxP, R-P cleaning up the 7th rank.
29. Kt-K3!
Again, if 29... R-P; 30. R-K7 with fine chances.
30. K-K2 RxP 31. B-K12
After 31. B-K12
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